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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:32:26 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thanks for sharing, Jahan. I'm sure it's a tough day for you guys. Hang in there.

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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Subject: Re: Would like to confirm if July meeting for PFAS meeting in Horsham, PA is still scheduled?

Thank you, and for the quick response.

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 4:26 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. We're still a go for the PFAS community engagement events.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Bagenstose, Kyle <kbagenstose@couriertimes.com> wrote:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kyle

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Subject: Fwd: Heartland Institute President's Statement on Andrew Wheeler Taking Helm at EPA

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To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Heartland Institute President's Statement on Andrew Wheeler Taking Helm at EPA

Here you go. Also at link below.

<https://www.heartland.org/news-opinion/news/press-release-heartland-institute-presidents-statement-on-andrew-wheeler-taking-helm-at-epa>

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Heartland Institute President's Statement on Andrew Wheeler Taking Helm at EPA

Scott Pruitt resigned as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator on Thursday and today was his last day in the position. Andrew Wheeler, the current deputy administrator, takes over as "acting administrator" on Monday, July 9.

The following statement from Tim Huelskamp, Ph.D., president of The Heartland Institute, may be used for attribution. To book a Heartland guest on your program, please contact Director of Communications Jim Lakely at media@heartland.org and 312/377-4000 or (cell) 312/731-9364.

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“With his resume of commitment to the cause of common sense policymaking, Andrew Wheeler is an excellent choice to run the EPA, and we are excited to work with him.

“Just like the extremist Left had it out for Scott Pruitt before he was even sworn in, they have targeted Wheeler as well. However, we doubt these personal attacks will deter Wheeler from his noble goal to focus the EPA on its core mission of helping to keep America’s air, land, and water clean of pollution. Wheeler has also pledged to bring more certainty to environmental permitting, encourage the practice of agency transparency and consistent and frequent public communication, and to quickly solve environmental problems.

“We wish Mr. Wheeler luck, because his success at the head of the EPA will be good news for all Americans who care about the environment, sound science, and economic growth, especially President Donald Trump.”

Tim Huelskamp, Ph.D.

President & CEO

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Dr. Huelskamp represented Kansas’ 1st District in the House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017.

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Subject: Re: PFAS

Works for me too

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2018, at 8:10 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Re: PFAS

Let's address this question and the overall posture from our office in a group meeting this morning. How is 9am for everyone?

On Jul 6, 2018, at 8:07 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

We're getting quite a few ?s about PFAS. How do we want to move forward on this?

From: [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:05 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

I have to ask you this question: What impact will Scott Pruitt's resignation have on the EPA PFAs campaign???

Will the other community engagements be held? Will the four steps Pruitt announced at the May leadership summit be followed? Will Andrew Wheeler be committed to the EPA's drive to reduce the impact of PFAs?

If you say Pruitt's resignation will have no impact, there might not be a story, but I'd like to speak with you or someone at the EPA about the issue.

Please contact me to set up a good time we can speak and thanks for your help,

Ken Liebeskind, The Telegraph, Nashua, NH -- [Personal Matters /]

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From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
To: kenrunz <[Personal Matters / Ex.]>

Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Sent: Wed, Jun 27, 2018 11:21 am
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

I'm happy to help out as well! What info are you looking for?

Molly

From: [REDACTED] Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

I'm trying to get info on the regional EPA meeting in Exeter, NH that took place Monday and Tuesday. I tried contacting Dave Deegan but haven't heard back from him yet. Is he available today and if not do you know who can help with info about the event. Thanks,

Ken Liebeskind --[REDACTED] Personal Matters /

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From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
To: kenrunz <[REDACTED] Personal Matters / Ex. 6>
Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
Sent: Wed, Jun 20, 2018 6:48 pm
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

Ken --

I was look at your piece from Monday and I just wanted to clarify something quickly. The 70 parts per trillion is a health advisory, not an mcl. Administrator Pruitt announced at the National Leadership Summit that EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a mcl for PFOA and PFOS. Does that make sense?

Molly

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:27 PM
To: [REDACTED] Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

You can attribute the quote to me. Thanks!

From: [REDACTED] Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:03 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

Thanks for your response, can you tell me who the EPA spokesperson is who is quoted below. Also the letter from NTTC was very interesting, unfortunately not relevant to this story,

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
To: kenrunz [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]
Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
Sent: Wed, Jun 13, 2018 11:56 am
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

Ken –

I wanted to make sure you had a copy of this letter (see attached) Administrator Pruitt received yesterday from the National Tribal Toxics Council. Some highlights:

- “Council member Susan Hanson was able to join the recent National Leadership Summit on PFAS, and share tribal perspectives on EPA's regulatory actions and stewardship programs to limit the release of PFAS to the environment.”
- “At the Summit she had the opportunity to speak with you [Administrator Pruitt] as well as Charlotte Bertrand, your Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. “
- “We look forward to the EPA Water Program visits to tribal homelands to assess releases of PFAS along with state visits.”

In response to your questions below:

“Under the Trump Administration, EPA has made concerted efforts to improve environmental and health outcomes by refocusing on the Agency's core mission: protecting human health and the environment. As Administrator Pruitt stressed at the PFAS National Leadership Summit, addressing PFAS is a national priority.” – EPA Spokesperson

Background:

Administrator Pruitt announced four actions EPA will take following the summit:

- EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
- EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as “hazardous substances” through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
- EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
- EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS by this summer.

On New Hampshire: The PFAS Community Engagement events are beginning in EPA's Region 1, which covers the states of New England. It was scheduled first based on logistical considerations and coordination.

Let me know if you have additional questions!

Molly

Molly Block

Press Secretary
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Personal Matters / Ex.]

Date: June 13, 2018 at 8:28:01 AM EDT

To: deegan.dave@epa.gov

Hi Dave,

Please have Scott Pruitt answer these questions and return comments to me by tomorrow, June 14. Thanks,

Ken Liebeskind -- [Personal Matters /]

1. **Why is New Hampshire the first state for the EPA's community engagements?**
2. **Will you attend the event in Exeter, NH on June 25 and 26 or any of the other community engagements?**
3. **You have been criticized by environmental groups for leading the Trump administration's efforts to scale back Obama era environmental regulations and EPA efforts to enforce them. How will the EPA's plans to address the PFAS issue change these perceptions?**

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Thanks to Natural Gas, US CO2 Emissions Lowest Since 1985

Jude Clemente, RCE

At 80 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), the U.S. just hit another record for dry natural gas production, a 46 percent increase since 2008 when the shale gas revolution started. The economic and energy security advantages are well known, but what has gotten less attention is how huge the environmental benefits of producing and using more natural gas have been. In particular, mounting domestic supply has increasingly pushed us to more gas use in the electricity sector, which accounts for 35 percent of our total gas usage, especially noticeable the past week with air conditioners...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Resigns

Editors, CBS News

Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency who was key to implementing President Trump's conservative agenda but came under intense scrutiny for a series of questionable ethical decisions, resigned Thursday afternoon. Pruitt's deputy at the EPA, Andrew Wheeler, will serve as the agency's acting administrator starting Monday, President Trump said in a tweet. "I have no doubt that Andy will continue on with our great and lasting EPA agenda," Mr. Trump tweeted. "We have made tremendous progress and the future of the EPA is very bright!"

Oil Falls on Unexpected Increase in Stockpiles

A. Ramkumar & N. Salvaterra, WSJ

Oil prices fell Thursday after data showed U.S. inventories increased unexpectedly last week. Light, sweet crude for August delivery declined 1% to \$73.42 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices have stayed near their highest level since 2014 recently, with the prospect of major supply disruptions and figures showing steady demand limiting losses despite trade threats between the U.S. and China. Brent crude, the global benchmark, edged down 0.1% to \$78.14 a barrel.

Oil CEOs Making Their Case Against Climate Lawsuits

Kelly Gilblom, Bloomberg

Leaders of the world's largest oil companies want everyone to know it won't do anyone any good to make them pay for the damages of climate change. Executives have been making the argument after a series of U.S. states and municipalities filed class action lawsuits against Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Exxon Mobil Corp. and others in recent months, arguing it should be them that pays for the sea walls, levees and other infrastructure climate change is sure to require. It's sort of bizarre that the users of our products say: Well actually we didn't want your product. So why did you force it on...

China Keeps LNG Off Tariff List, Trade Weapon Later

M. Meng & C. Aizhu, Reuters

China's omission of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from its vast list of U.S. products that face hefty import duties from Friday has preserved a potential weapon should the trade war with Washington deepen. It also underscores Beijing's desire to ensure supplies of gas as it pushes to switch millions of households and businesses away from using coal as a key part of its war on pollution. China will on Friday impose tariffs on \$34 billion of U.S. goods from pork to soybeans to cotton in retaliation for a similar move by Washington as trade relations sour between the world's top two economies.

NRA Members More Likely to Have Solar Panels

Joe Romm, Think Progress

Support for clean energy cuts across the political spectrum, a new survey finds. Well above three-quarters of residents in both Red (77%) and Blue (80%) States believe that the government should offer incentives for renewable energy businesses, such as tax credits, according to the survey released on Thursday.

Climate Lawsuits Could Lower Legal Standards

Michael Sandoval, Western Wire

Former Interior Secretary and Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton said the national campaign for climate litigation would likely follow in the footsteps of previous tobacco litigation, with states revising their laws and lowering the standards for finding harm, in comments delivered at an energy forum last week in Denver. Last week at a forum hosted by the Western Caucus Foundation, Norton called the recent climate litigation hypocritical, saying the contingency-fee led lawsuits are a recipe for even more legal action.

RI 'Big Oil' Lawsuit May End Like the Others

Nick Giampia, FOX Business

Fox News senior judicial analyst Judge Andrew Napolitano on Tuesday compared Rhode Island's lawsuit against big oil companies to a similar suit filed by cities in California. San Francisco and Oakland sued Exxon Mobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Royal Dutch Shell and BP for their alleged roles in climate change. Federal Judge William Alsup, who presided over the lawsuit, ruled in favor of the oil companies but acknowledged the harmful effects of fossil fuels

Rhode Island Tries Again With Climate Change Lawsuit

Spencer Walrath, EID

Rhode Island has become the first state to sue 21 fossil-fuel producers, alleging they should be held accountable for the impacts of climate change. Joined by U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D), the state's attorney general Peter F. Kilmartin (D) announced the lawsuit at a press conference at the Narragansett Sea Wall early Monday afternoon. Rhode Island joins a handful of municipalities across the country that have filed similar lawsuits in the last year. This is not Rhode Island's nor Senator Whitehouse's first run bringing a public...

Gold's Ugly Impact on the Climate

Eileen Mignoni, Yale Climate Connections

The gold in your jewelry may be beautiful, but mining it has an ugly impact on the global climate. Mudd: If we think of gold mining, we have to dig the rock out of the ground and digging rock out of the ground requires diesel, and processing that rock to get the gold out requires energy or electricity. That's Gavin Mudd of RMIT University in Australia. He says mining a ton of gold emits a lot more carbon pollution than mining other metals, like iron, because there's so little gold in the rock. It requires so much energy that producing a single ounce can emit a thousand pounds of carbon...

Court Action to Save Young From Climate Bill

Roger Harrabin, BBC

The campaigners - known collectively as Plan B - argue that if the UK postpones emissions cuts, the next generation will be left to pick up the bill. It is seeking permission from a judge to launch formal legal action. The government has promised to review its climate commitments. A spokesperson said it was committed to tackling emissions. But Plan B believes ministers may breach the law if they don't cut emissions deeper - in line with an international agreement made in Paris at the end of 2015 to restrict global temperature rise to as close to 1.5C as possible. A hearing is set to be held on...

Where Maine's Candidates for Governor Stand on Wind Power

Tux Turkel, PPH

Two of Maine's four candidates for governor are coming out strongly in favor of developing more wind energy, while two others are making distinctions about the

degree to which they would support it. Responding to questions from the Portland Press Herald, the candidates offered their positions on wind power, the controversial ban on new projects ordered by Gov. Paul LePage, and what signals they would send to wind developers. Here are some excerpts:

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Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

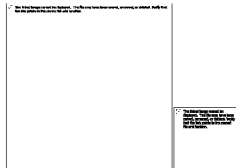
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My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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By Amy Harder · Jul 06, 2018

Happy Friday, we're cutting our Generate vacation short to get you up to speed quickly on the latest with EPA and its changing bosses. Let's jump in.

1 big thing: What the EPA will be like now

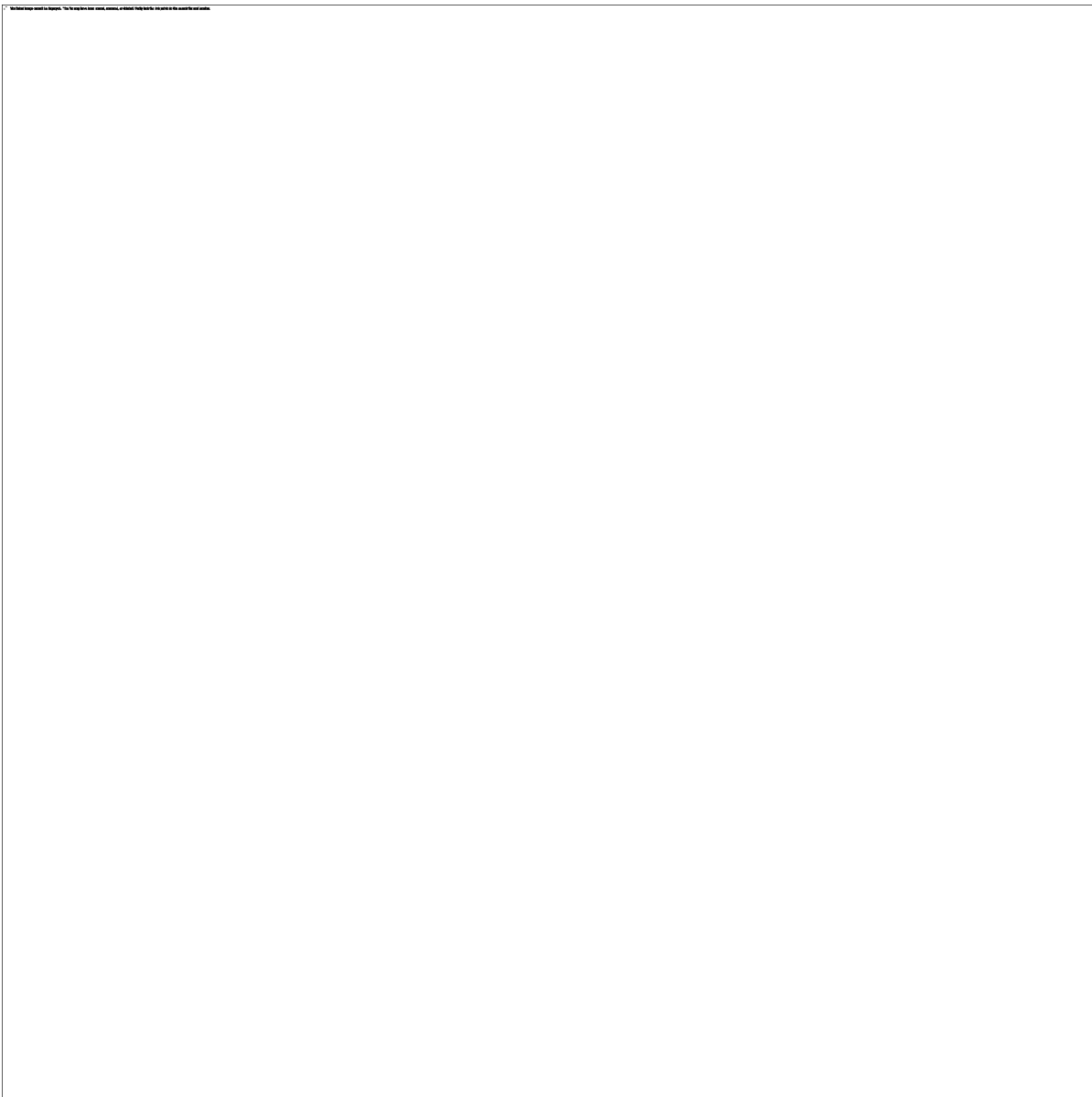


Illustration: Lazaro Gamio/Axios

The Environmental Protection Agency is likely to see smoother processes, less ethical controversy, but a small number of potential policy shifts with Administrator Scott Pruitt gone. Don't expect the overall direction of the agency to change.

Why it matters: For months Pruitt's various scandals have dominated headlines and distracted attention from the agency's regulatory rollbacks. With him gone, an agency scarred by a tumultuous run will be on the same policy track.

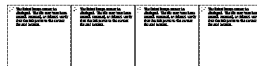
What's next: Andrew Wheeler, EPA's current deputy administrator, will be the acting administrator. He'll remain there until or unless Trump appoints a replacement and successfully gets the nominee through what would be a grueling Senate confirmation process.

Wheeler is a long-time Washington lobbyist and government official. He has represented coal producer Murray Energy, whose CEO Bob Murray has close to Trump, since 2009, according to federal lobbying disclosures.

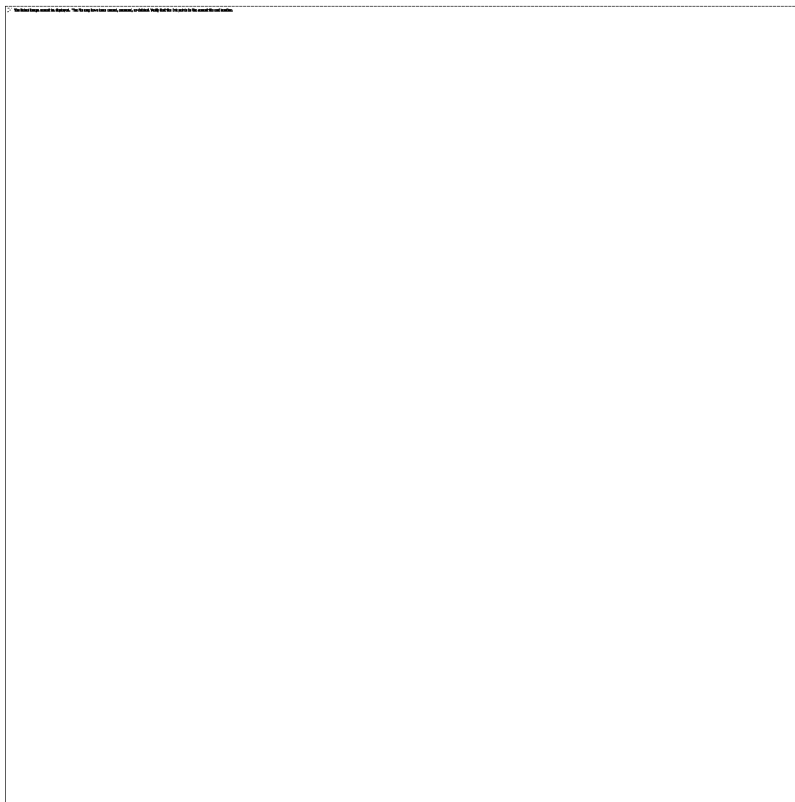
“On policies, I don’t think Andy will be any different than Pruitt, truly. They see things the same way. Andy is going to be quieter, and probably less political in advancing the same agenda.”

— Jeff Holmstead, former top EPA official in the George W. Bush administration

In the Axios stream, I run down how things are likely to change — and not change — under Wheeler in process, climate change and other regulations.



2. Scott Pruitt's far fall from Trump's grace



Giphy

Many wondered why Scott Pruitt lasted as long as he did given the breadth of scandals.

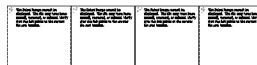
Be smart: Trump liked Pruitt personally, and was a fan of his role repealing regulations. It took more time and more scandals for Pruitt to resign compared to other Cabinet officials because he had further to fall out of Trump's grace.

What they said: Despite being embroiled in several ethics scandals for most of this year, Trump stood by him publicly. Speaking on Air Force One Thursday, he said there was no "final straw" with Pruitt and that he resigned on his own accord.

- In April Trump said "Scott is doing a great job" despite being "TOTALLY under siege."
- Pruitt blamed his resignation on "unrelenting attacks on me personally," saying they "are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us."
- Trump praised Pruitt's work at the agency in his tweet Thursday, saying he had done an "outstanding job."

A senior administration official tells Axios' Jonathan Swan that Pruitt "ultimately lost the war of attrition":

- "If the people who've been covering for him start turning on him under oath, you know you've got a problem."
- "Privately, people would say [to Trump] that the media was just picking on Pruitt and it was fake news. But he wouldn't really bite like he normally would."
- "Trump would say to them things like: 'I don't know if they're trying to pick on him — he's giving them a lot to work with.'"
- **"Put it this way:** He never said the words 'witch hunt' to describe what was going on with Scott Pruitt."



3. Things to know about the next EPA chief

Don't hold your breath for an official nominee and confirmation process in the Senate. President Trump is very unlikely to nominate an official replacement for Pruitt until at least after he gets through his Supreme Court nominee, and probably not until after the midterm elections.

If/when that occurs, two clear candidates as of now:

- **Wheeler**, who does not have the flair Trump likes but does have the backing of almost all Republicans and even some conservative-state Democrats.
- **Go deeper:** Meet the former coal lobbyist replacing Pruitt

- **Donald van der Vaart**, who was North Carolina's top environmental regulator under former Republican Gov. Pat McCrory.
- He embodies much of the same positions as Pruitt and Wheeler and was on the short list for both EPA and also as director of the White House's Council on Environmental Quality during the transition.
- **Go deeper:** E&E News on van der Vaart as he was in the running for the White House post.

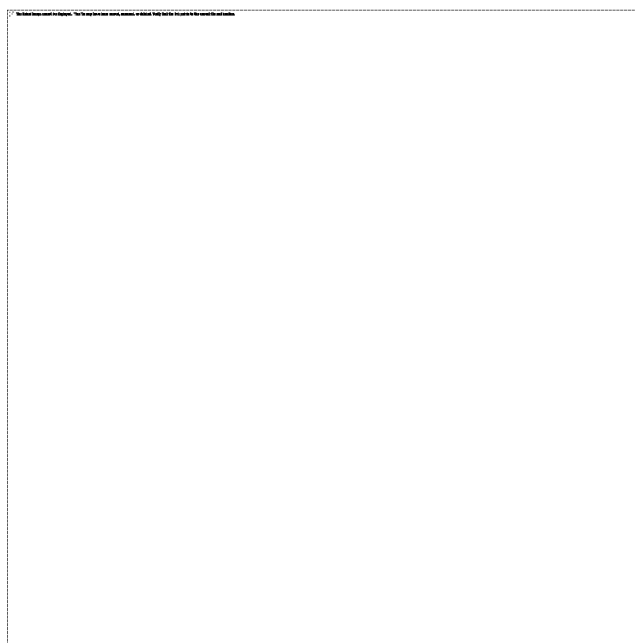
Bottom line: The more moderate wing of the Republican party will prefer Wheeler, but conservatives, including former Trump transition adviser Myron Ebell of the Conservative Enterprise Institute, have backed van der Vaart. Environmentalists and Democrats, meanwhile, will oppose either equally.

Thought bubble from Axios' Ben Geman: Pruitt's ouster could make life harder, not easier, for environmentalists and other opponents of EPA's agenda under Trump.

- Pruitt's ethics missteps and scandals turned him a ripe and headline-ready target, and they'll be challenged to gain the same traction against Wheeler, who has a lower profile and deeper ties to Capitol Hill.
- Wheeler's experience could also help EPA avoid some of the legal pitfalls that have bedeviled some of Pruitt's attempts to unwind Obama-era rules.



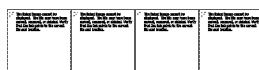
4. Lawmakers on Pruitt's resignation



Republicans and Democrats alike cheered Pruitt's resignation Thursday.

- **Sen. John Barasso (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works:** "It has become increasingly challenging for the EPA to carry out its mission with the administrator under investigation. President Trump made the right decision to accept his resignation. I look forward to the confirmation of the next head of the EPA. In the meantime, I know Assistant Administrator Andrew Wheeler is well prepared to continue the progress already made under President Trump."
- **Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY):** "Took you long enough. Still a very long way to go to fully #DrainTheSwamp."
- **Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA):** "President Trump made the right decision. Administrator Pruitt's ethical scandals and his undermining of the President's commitment to biofuels and Midwest farmers were distracting from the agency's otherwise strong progress to free the nation of burdensome and harmful government regulations."
- **Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT):** "Scott Pruitt was the worst EPA administrator in the history of the agency ... I will do everything possible to see that the next EPA administrator actually believes in environmental protection."

Go deeper with more reaction.



5. The scandals that led to Pruitt's resignation

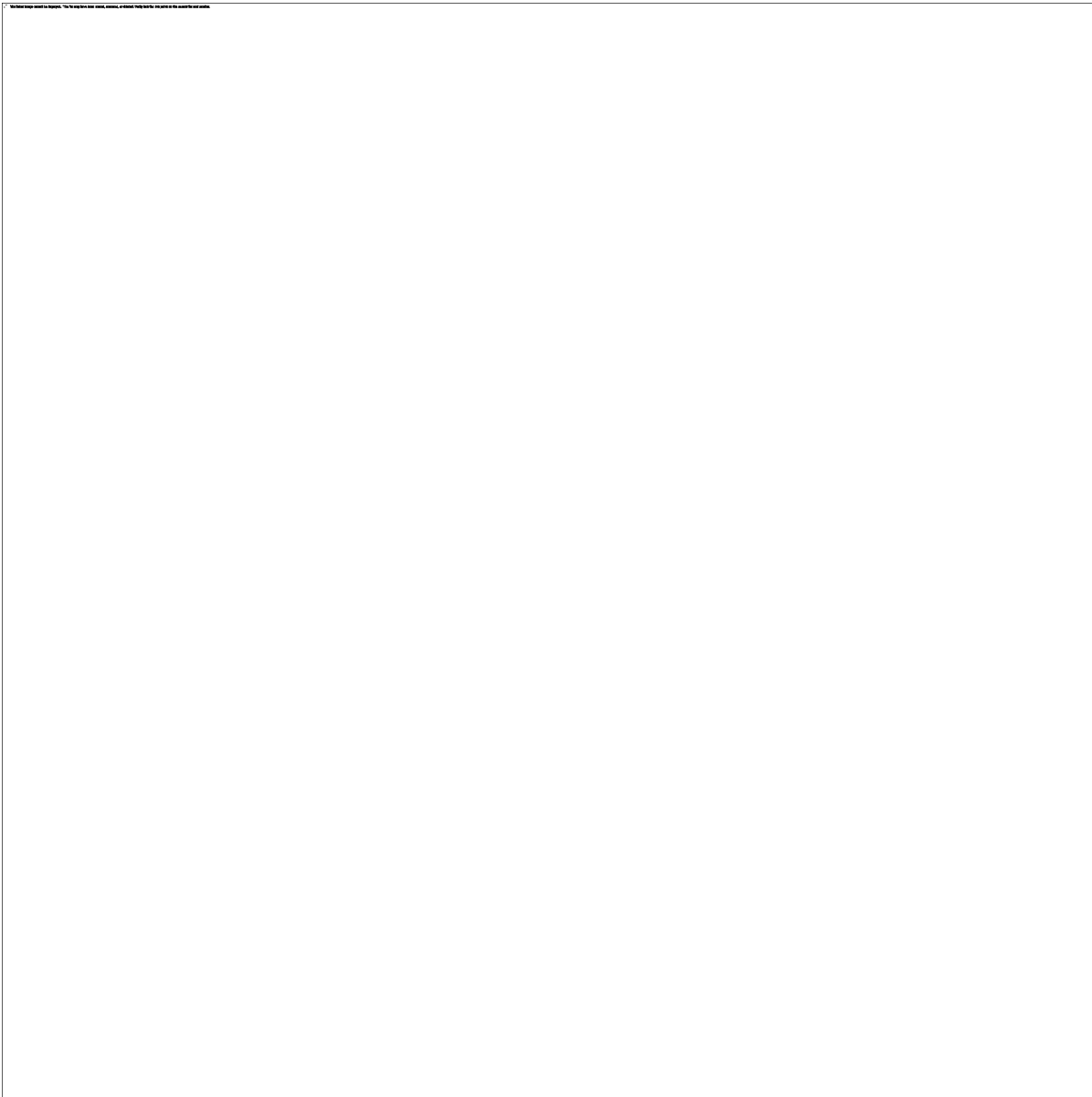


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1. Rental of a \$50-a-night condo
2. Questionable raises to staff
3. Questionable firing of staff
4. Expensive security detail
5. \$5,700 biometric locks on his office doors
6. \$43,000 private phone booth
7. Expensive first-class flights
8. Affinity for a flashing-lights motorcade
9. Lobbyist help on expensive Moroccan trip
10. Baseball tickets sold by coal exec
11. \$1,500 pens, \$1,600 journals
12. Tasking an aide with personal tasks, including requesting a Trump hotel mattress
13. Criticizing that aide

14. Trying to get his wife a job as a Chick-Fil-A franchisee
15. Questionable requests of his security detail, like finding lotion
16. Questionable requests of his employees, like getting yogurt
17. Asking conservative donors for help getting his wife a for \$200,000/year job
18. Former political aide running FOIA requests

Go deeper with more details of each.

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6. How America got its most powerful EPA boss

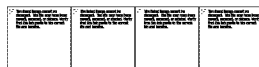
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Scott Pruitt was the most aggressive leader of the Environmental Protection Agency in its almost 50-year history — and the most controversial in a generation.

The big picture: But Pruitt didn't come out of nowhere. His ascendance to the agency reflects changing politics of the past few decades. Putting aside Pruitt's ethical and spending controversies, his environmental views are actually in line with most of the Republican Party since Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980.

- What's changed is how empowered Pruitt was under President Trump, the emergence of climate change as a top environmental issue and a prior administration that was aggressive in its own right issuing regulations.
- All of this will remain the same with Andrew Wheeler, EPA's No. 2., at the agency's helm.

Go deeper: How EPA got its most powerful boss

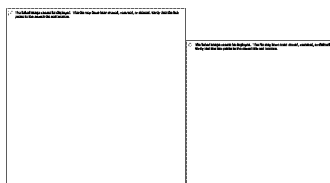


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Subject: RE: phone call - media inquiry -- 4 p.m. deadline

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From: regionalpress
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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From: Mears, Mary
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Cc: Kluesner, Dave; Rodriguez, Elias; Soltani, Beth
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Hi Nancy,

This reporter called Pete's office looking for a statement. I called her and got her email, so if there is a statement we can send it.

Hayleigh Gowans, Spectrum News in Albany,

Ex. 6 Personal

Email: Hayleigh.gowans@charter.com

Re: looking to get a statement from Pete re: the resignation of Scott Pruitt.

Deadline by end of day today, 4 p.m.

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Sent: 7/6/2018 2:14:24 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: US imports of Canadian crude jump to 8-year high

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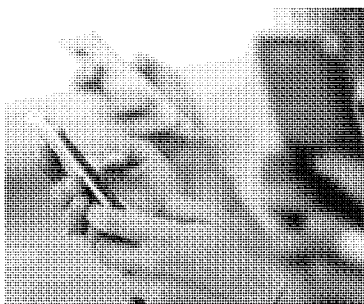
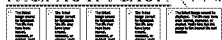
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TOP STORY

US crude inventories rise unexpectedly

US crude stockpiles gained 1.2 million barrels last week, versus expectations for a 4.5-million-barrel decline, according to the Energy Information Administration. Gasoline supplies shed 1.5 million barrels, while distillate stocks climbed by 100,000 barrels.

MarketWatch (7/5)



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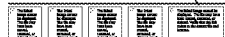
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INDUSTRY NEWS

US imports of Canadian crude jump to 8-year high

Canadian oil exports to the US hit 3.73 million barrels per day last week, the highest level since June 2010, despite the persistent transportation bottlenecks facing the Canadian oil industry. "The trend of increasing Canadian crude imports will continue as Canada's output is increasing," said Lipow Oil Associates President Andy Lipow.

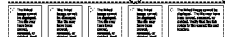
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Shale boom helps boost energy sector salaries

Thanks in part to the shale industry, energy came in ahead of all sectors, including technology and health care, as the highest-paying US industry in 2017, with median worker compensation at about \$123,000. The energy sector also boasts the second-smallest compensation gap between chief executives and employees at 120 times the median salary.

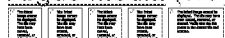
[BloombergQuint \(India\) \(7/5\)](#)



Cheniere receives FERC OK to test liquefaction train in Texas

Cheniere Energy received permission from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to begin flowing natural gas to test the first liquefaction train at its liquefied natural gas export facility in Corpus Christi, Texas. The first cargoes from the terminal could be exported in late December or early January.

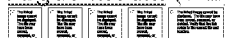
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US crude-by-rail shipments increase in Q1

US rail shipments of crude climbed from 79,891 in the last quarter of 2017 to 88,571 in the first quarter of 2018, according to the Surface Transportation Board.

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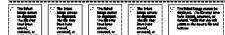


EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

Infrastructure an ongoing concern for Permian production

Drilling activity in the Permian Basin could slow until takeaway capacity increases during the second half of 2019. Gray Oak, EPIC Midstream and Cactus II are some of the pipeline projects scheduled to enter service by mid-2020.

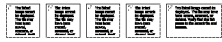
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EOG Resources shelves plan for gas project in Uinta Basin

EOG Resources is putting on hold plans to drill as many as 2,808 wells in the Uinta Basin in Utah, citing technological changes and low natural gas prices. The 43,000-acre project was initially proposed in 2009.

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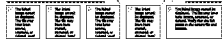


POLICY WATCH

Scott Pruitt resigns as EPA administrator

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt submitted his resignation in a letter to President Donald Trump on Thursday, citing "unrelenting attacks" on him and his family. Andrew Wheeler will become acting administrator of the EPA starting Monday.

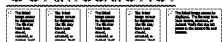
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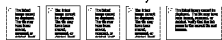
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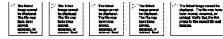


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Marie Curie,
physicist and chemist



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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:34:00 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; schaffer, joan [schaffer.joan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Press Request: Pruitt Resignation

Thank you so much for the response.

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 4:31 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:
We will refer you to the President's statement.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:30 PM, schaffer, joan <schaffer.joan@epa.gov> wrote:

For HQ response...thanks.

From: Connor Wolf [<mailto:connor.wolf@lifezette.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:20 PM
To: schaffer, joan <schaffer.joan@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Request: Pruitt Resignation

Good Afternoon,

I am a reporter at LifeZette and I am reaching out about a story I am writing. I was hoping to get a response to president Donald Trump announcing that Scott Pruitt is resigning. Thank you.

Cheers,

Connor D. Wolf

Congressional Reporter

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From: Alexander, Peter (NBCUniversal) [peter.alexander@nbcuni.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 7:58:31 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: NBC News Request
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC News, would you please email me Scott Pruitt's resignation letter.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,

Peter



Peter Alexander

National Correspondent, NBC News

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From: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:30:58 PM
To: Megan Geuss [megan.geuss@arstechnica.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Pruitt's resignation confirmation

We will refer you to the President's statement.

On your second question: The Agency is in the process of developing a proposal regarding the Clean Power Plan. That proposal would go through interagency review before administrator signature and public availability for review and comment.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:25 PM, Megan Geuss <megan.geuss@arstechnica.com> wrote:

Hi,

I'm a reporter with Ars Technica, a science and technology magazine owned by Conde Nast, and I was wondering if the EPA could confirm:

1. Administrator Scott Pruitt's resignation
2. The existence of a draft rule to replace the Clean Power Plan as reported by the New York Times today. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/05/climate/clean-power-plan-replacement.html>

Thanks,

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Megan Geuss
Staff Editor, Ars Technica
Denver, CO

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Message

From: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:30:13 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: PBS NewsHour

Importance: High

Forwarding this request.

Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina, Director
Office of Web Communications
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Email: orquina.jessica@epa.gov
Office: 202-564-0446
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Courtney Norris [mailto:CNorris@newshour.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: PBS NewsHour
Importance: High

Hi Jessica,

Is the EPA able to confirm and send the official resignation letter from Scott Pruitt to PBS?

Courtney K. Norris
PBS NewsHour | National Affairs
cnorris@newshour.org
(O) 703-998-1859

Message

From: Eliza Barclay [eliza.barclay@vox.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 11:05:36 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Vox reporter requesting comment on why there has been no formal announcement to EPA staff about Pruitt's resignation

Hello,

I'm writing a story about the lack of internal communication to EPA staff about Pruitt's resignation. Can you comment on why?

Posting this story within the next 20 minutes.

Thanks,

Eliza

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Eliza Barclay | [@elizabarclay](#)
Health and science editor
Washington, DC 20036



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Message

From: Heather Shelby, Environmental Defense Fund [takeaction@edf.org]
Sent: 7/5/2018 10:36:05 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: BREAKING: Pruitt's out. What's next?

A black and white photograph of Scott Pruitt, the former Administrator of the EPA. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking slightly to his left with a serious expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Pruitt is gone,
but his
legacy isn't.**

**Oppose coal lobbyist
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Take action»

**Moments ago, President Trump announced
on Twitter that he has accepted EPA
Administrator Scott Pruitt's resignation.**

This is big: When we started our campaign calling for Pruitt's dismissal in January, we were told it could never happen. He was too supposedly effective at carrying out Trump's policies, too successful at attacking our bedrock environmental protections.

But no one can get away with the swarm of scandals that enveloped the embattled Scott Pruitt—or escape the call of hundreds of thousands of activists who demanded he leave the EPA.

Which is why we need your voice again. Andrew Wheeler went from coal lobbyist to Deputy EPA Administrator, and now he's taking the reins. Tell the Senate: Americans deserve better.

Wheeler's lobbying list of clients regulated by the EPA is extensive. It also includes corporate names such as the notorious Murray Energy, Bear Head LNG Corporation, Celanese Corporation, Domestic Fuel Solutions Group, ICOR International, and the Nuclear Energy Institute.

He's devoted his career to defending the interests of the nation's largest polluters, as a lobbyist and in jobs on Capitol Hill. As he leads the EPA, he will likely use his bureaucratic knowledge to continue to work for the goals of his past clients—with tragic results for our air, water, kids, and health.

Wheeler could be even more dangerous than Pruitt. We need to take action to bring real change to EPA right away. Take action today, and ensure your Senator calls for a true leader to sit in America's top environmental seat.

Thank you for standing with us,

Heather Shelby
Action Network Manager

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From: Carah [carah@rrfn.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:25:47 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Statement Request: Pruitt's Resignation

From: Carah
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:16 PM
To: GRAHAHM.AMY@EPA.GOV
Cc: 'press@epa.gov' <press@epa.gov>
Subject: Statement Request: Pruitt's Resignation

Hi Amy-

Does EPA have a formal public copy of Pruitt's resignation?

Thanks,
Carah

Carah Hart

Farm Broadcaster, Red River Farm Network

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From: Alexander, Peter (NBCUniversal) [peter.alexander@nbcuni.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 10:05:50 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NBC News Request

Thank you.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 6:05 PM
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That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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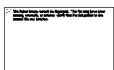
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Message

From: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:55:43 PM
To: jbarnes@s-t.com
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Possible to get a comment about Pruitt by 5?

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From: "Barnes, Jennette" <jbarnes@s-t.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 4:00:26 PM EDT
To: "Dumville, Kelsey" <Dumville.Kelsey@epa.gov>
Subject: Possible to get a comment about Pruitt by 5?

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Thank you,

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Message

From: Christian, Molly [Molly.Christian@spglobal.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:17:35 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Copy of Administrator Pruitt resignation letter

Hello,

This is Molly Christian, an energy policy reporter for S&P Global Market Intelligence. I was emailing to see if I could get an official copy of Administrator Pruitt's resignation letter to President Trump. I am seeing tweets about it but wanted to get a copy from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
Molly

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Message

From: jc.rodriguez@law360.com [jc.rodriguez@law360.com]
Sent: 7/6/2018 6:24:38 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Pruitt's last day?

Hi, just for clarification, is today actually Scott Pruitt's last day on the job?

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Juan Carlos Rodriguez
Senior Environment Reporter



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From: Zahra Hirji [zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 7:53:16 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Dear John, Jahan, and Press EPA,

Trump tweeted today that he's accepted Pruitt's resignation. Can you confirm that Pruitt resigned? Can I get a copy of his resignation letter? Can you comment on his departure? I am writing a story on this for BuzzFeed News.

I am on deadline.

Thanks,
Zahra

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Message

From: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/6/2018 9:28:57 PM
To: Evelyn Stewart [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: (Media Inquiry) Scott Pruitt's Resignation

Evelyn,
Thanks for contacting me however our Headquarters office is handling these responses. I've copied them on my response.
Best,
David

From: Evelyn Stewart [mailto:Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Subject: (Media Inquiry) Scott Pruitt's Resignation

Hello Mr. Gray,

My name is Evelyn Stewart and I am a reporter at the Vista. I am conducting a story about Scott Pruitt's resignation and am asking for a statement about his resignation as well as a statement about his successor, Andrew Wheeler.

I have reached out to the national office, but am looking for a more local perspective connected to Oklahoma.

I have a deadline at 5 p.m. on Sunday, so any information prior to that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and sincerely,
Evelyn Stewart
Reporter
The Vista

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Message

From: Todd Neeley [todd.neeley@dtn.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:06:20 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Reporter, DTN/Progressive Farmer re: Official statement on Scott Pruitt resignation
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Thanks

Todd Neeley

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Reporter, DTN/Progressive Farmer re: Official statement on Scott Pruitt resignation

With the news Scott Pruitt has resigned, might the press office be releasing an official statement from the now-former administrator?

Sincerely,

Todd Neeley

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To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Possible to get a comment about Pruitt by 5?

Please see email below from a local Massachusetts reporter.

Thank you,
Kelsey

Kelsey Dumville

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:05:41 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Letter to President Trump

Good afternoon,

May I have a copy of Administrator Pruitt's letter to President Trump?

Thank you,

Elliott

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:43:06 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Time sensitive media request for Romper

Hello,

I am reaching out because I am writing an article for Romper about EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's resignation, and would like a comment from the agency about the news, and plans to find a new chief.

The article is publishing today, so it would be great to hear back soon.

Thanks,
Annamarya

ANNAMARYA SCACCIA | INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST

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Message

From: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net]
Sent: 7/6/2018 8:53:33 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Comment sought

Do you wish to comment on reporting that Pruitt was told to resign by John Kelly, at the direction of Trump?

Thanks,
Jen.

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Message

From: Chris Knight [chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:04:43 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt statement

Can I get a copy of the resignation letter?

From: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Chris Knight <chris.knight@argusmedia.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt statement

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We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Chris Knight [mailto:chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

EPA press,

Do you have any statement on Pruitt's resignation? And was he asked to resign by President Trump?

Thanks,
Chris

Chris Knight
Reporter
chris.knight@argusmedia.com

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:01:43 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; dcbureau [dcbureau@hearst.com]
Subject: RE: Pruitt Resignation
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Thanks,
Erin



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From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:55 PM
To: McManamon, Erin <emcmanamon@hearst.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; dcbureau <dcbureau@hearst.com>
Subject: RE: Pruitt Resignation

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; dcbureau <dcbureau@hearst.com>
Subject: Pruitt Resignation

I am writing from Hearst Television. I would like to request a copy of former Secretary Pruitt's resignation letter. I can be reached at [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy \(PP\)](#) or by email at dcbureau@hearst.com.

Thanks,
Erin Skeele



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Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:03:57 PM
To: Heckman, Jory [jheckman@federalnewsradio.com]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Question re: EPA ethics letter

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From: Heckman, Jory [mailto:jheckman@federalnewsradio.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question re: EPA ethics letter

Thanks, John

I'm also just hearing word that Scott Pruitt has resigned as EPA administrator. Does the agency have a comment regarding his departure?

Thanks,
Jory

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Heckman, Jory; Block, Molly
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Question re: EPA ethics letter

See attached for a copy of the letter, and below for a statement from EPA:

"The letter reports back to the OGE on a number of administrative and staffing issues, some of which predate the Trump Administration. The Agency has taken early steps to address some of the concerns the OGE raised well before this letter was sent last week, including the hiring of two additional ethics officials and ongoing ethics training and retraining for EPA staff. Assigning new ethics staff within the OGC was necessary especially at the beginning of the new Administration to evaluate recusals, disclosures, and other ethics reviews involved in hiring new political appointees. Part of the remainder of the letter discusses cooperation with the OIG, a normal course of business for any agency, and the entire EPA is always responsive to the OIG and their requests for information." -- EPA Spokesperson

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
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To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Question re: EPA ethics letter

Good afternoon Molly,

Can the EPA confirm the existence of the letter from Principal Deputy General Counsel Kevin Minoli to David Apol, the acting director of the Office of Government Ethics, as referenced below in this NY Times article?

And if so, could you please provide a copy for us?

“WASHINGTON — The chief ethics officer of the Environmental Protection Agency — the official whose main job is to help agency staffers obey government ethics laws — has been working behind the scenes to push for a series of independent investigations into possible improprieties by Scott Pruitt, the agency’s administrator, a letter sent this week says.

The letter is the first public acknowledgment that Kevin S. Minoli, who has frequently defended Mr. Pruitt’s actions since he took over the agency in February 2017, is now openly questioning whether Mr. Pruitt violated federal ethics rules.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/30/climate/pruitt-epa-ethics.html>

Many thanks,

Jory Heckman
Reporter
Federal News Radio

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Message

From: rbravender@eenews.net [rbravender@eenews.net]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:59:40 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Statement on Pruitt's resignation?

Hello, we're writing for tomorrow about Administrator Pruitt's resignation. Has a statement been sent to EPA staff and if so, may I have a copy?

Thanks very much,

Robin Bravender

Climatewire deputy editor, E&E News

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From: Emily Holden [eholden@politico.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:03:18 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Resignation letter?

Can you share a copy so we aren't relying on an unconfirmed one on Twitter?
Thank you

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:01:04 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NBC News Request

Can you confirm, on BG, the accuracy of the language being reported by Fox News?

From: Abboud, Michael [mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov]
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To: Alexander, Peter (NBCUniversal) <peter.alexander@nbcuni.com>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NBC News Request

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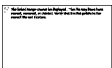
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
I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC News, would you please email me Scott Pruitt's resignation letter.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,

Peter



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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:41 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

Good afternoon,

This is Alana Austin with the Gray Television Washington News Bureau. We are tracking the resignation of Administrator Pruitt. We're reaching out to see whether you could send us his statement about this...also, will pending/ongoing ethics reviews into Administrator Pruitt be continuing past his departure?

Thank you,
Alana

Alana Austin
Multimedia Journalist - Gray Television D.C. Bureau

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CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: News

We will refer you to the President's statement.

Molly

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com> wrote:

Hi Molly,
Can you confirm Scott Pruitt has resigned and the effective date? Does EPA have a statement? Thanks.
Best regards.



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Markets Editor, Renewables
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Rockville, Maryland 20850
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dmacy@opishet.com

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/6/2018 4:53:55 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: WHEELER: Comment for WSJ article on water pollution - Deadline 7/9 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Korte, Lara" <lara.korte@wsj.com>
Date: July 6, 2018 at 12:53:00 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Comment for WSJ article on water pollution - Deadline 7/9 PM

Hi Enesta,

Follow-up question here:

Now that Mr. Pruitt has resigned, is Andrew Wheeler going to continue his same mission to roll back the veto power? Will Mr. Wheeler follow Mr. Pruitt's lead in other capacities?

Thank you,
Lara

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 5:40 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Lara, checking.

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:26 PM, Korte, Lara <lara.korte@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi,

I'm a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. I'm writing a real estate story on how pollution regulations have affected land development along imperiled waterways. I mention the EPA's efforts to curb water pollution over the past decades and then touch on how Scott Pruitt has been trying to role back the agency's authority to veto dumping into waterways.

Does the EPA care to comment on its commitment to conserving these at-risk waterways? I'm working on a deadline for Monday, July 9 at 5 p.m.

Thank you,
Lara Korte

~
Lara Korte
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Message

From: Ebbs, Stephanie [Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:48:50 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Comment on adm. resignation

Hi all,

Just reaching out if you plan on putting out a statement on the administrator's resignation and the next steps.

Thanks

Stephanie Ebbs
ABC News-Washington
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(cell) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
@stephebbbs

Message

From: Julia Laude [Julia@tvtv.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:47:57 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Interview Request

Hello,

My name is Julia and I'm a reporter with CBS News 13 and KTVF11, the local television stations in Fairbanks, Alaska. I'm looking to get comment on the recent resignation of Scott Pruitt and how that might impact Alaska.

My deadline for this is Thursday July 5, by 3pm. Let me know if this is possible.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Julia Laude
General Assignment News Reporter
CBS News 13/KTVF11, Gray Television, Fairbanks, AK

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Message

From: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:43:25 PM
To: Alana Austin [alana.austin@gray.tv]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt statement

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

From: Alana Austin [mailto:alana.austin@gray.tv]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:41 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

Good afternoon,

This is Alana Austin with the Gray Television Washington News Bureau. We are tracking the resignation of Administrator Pruitt. We're reaching out to see whether you could send us his statement about this...also, will pending/ongoing ethics reviews into Administrator Pruitt be continuing past his departure?

Thank you,

Alana

Alana Austin

Multimedia Journalist - Gray Television D.C. Bureau

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 11:15:24 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Some questions from WSJ on RFS

Reporter left a message on the main press line at 4:43 p.m. today.

Subject: RFS waivers and volumes + Scott Pruitt's resignation (looking for statement/letter)

DDL: 7/6

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From: "Jakab, Spencer" <spencer.jakab@wsj.com>
Date: July 2, 2018 at 11:46:04 AM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Some questions from WSJ on RFS

On Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 11:39 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Spencer. Please follow up with press@epa.gov.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Jakab, Spencer [mailto:spencer.jakab@wsj.com]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Some questions from WSJ on RFS

Dear Robert,

I have some questions on the proposed RFS volumes and the timing of the final determination. Can we speak today?

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Spencer Jakab

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:54:03 PM
To: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 9:54:02 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: regionalpress; Press
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

Mary please send Mr. O'Neill the following statement: "We will refer you to the President's statement."

From: regionalpress
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:46 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

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(mobile)

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:44 PM
To: regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

I will alert Pete of this request, but am presuming HQ OPA is lead.

From: O'Neill, James [mailto:ONeillJ@northjersey.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

Hi – just wanted to see if Pete Lopez has any comment on Pruitt resignation; also, any idea what impact if any this would have on Berry's Creek and Pruitt's list of priority Superfund sites?

Jim O'Neill
Environment Reporter

The Record



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Message

From: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:44:29 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 8:44:27 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: regionalpress
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Kluesner, Dave; Rodriguez, Elias
Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

I will alert Pete of this request, but am presuming HQ OPA is lead.

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From: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/6/2018 3:52:31 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: phone call - media inquiry -- 4 p.m. deadline

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 3:52:30 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: regionalpress; Konkus, John; Hewitt, James; Abboud, Michael
Subject: RE: phone call - media inquiry -- 4 p.m. deadline

Handled.

From: regionalpress
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: phone call - media inquiry -- 4 p.m. deadline
Importance: High

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 3:50:29 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: regionalpress
Cc: Kluesner, Dave; Rodriguez, Elias; Soltani, Beth
Subject: FW: phone call - media inquiry -- 4 p.m. deadline

Hi Nancy,

This reporter called Pete's office looking for a statement. I called her and got her email, so if there is a statement we can send it.

Hayleigh Gowans, Spectrum News in Albany,

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Email: Hayleigh.gowans@charter.com

Re: looking to get a statement from Pete re: the resignation of Scott Pruitt.

Deadline by end of day today, 4 p.m.

Message

From: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/6/2018 7:49:09 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Northwestern Medill News Service (Brady Jones) ((recd 7/6)) OPEN. Reporter requests official comment re Administrator Pruitt's resignation.

From: Arcaute, Francisco
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:49:08 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: regionalpress; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne; Bassler, Rachel; Singer, Joshua
Subject: Northwestern Medill News Service (Brady Jones) ((recd 7/6)) OPEN. Reporter requests official comment re Administrator Pruitt's resignation.

Northwestern Medill News Service (Brady Jones) ((recd 7/6)) OPEN. Reporter requests official comment re Administrator Pruitt's resignation.

My name is Brady Jones, and I am a reporter with Northwestern's Medill News Service.

I am writing to request official comment from EPA Region 5 on the resignation of Administrator Scott Pruitt.

I would appreciate very much any comment or quote you can provide.

Thank you,

Brady Jones

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US EPA R5 press office
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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:58:09 PM
To: Chris Knight [chris.knight@argusmedia.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt statement

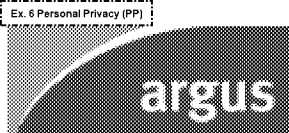
We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Chris Knight [mailto:chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

EPA press,
Do you have any statement on Pruitt's resignation? And was he asked to resign by President Trump?

Thanks,
Chris

Chris Knight
Reporter
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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:58:03 PM
To: Ganim, Sara [Sara.Ganim@turner.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Resignation

We will refer you to the President's statement.

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From: Ganim, Sara [mailto:Sara.Ganim@turner.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Resignation

Do you guys have an official comment on Pruitt's behalf, or on Epa behalf, about Trump's tweet that Scott Pruitt has resigned?

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Sara Ganim
CNN Correspondent
New York

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:57:58 PM
To: Steve Davies [steve@agri-pulse.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Statement on Pruitt resignation

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Steve Davies [mailto:steve@agri-pulse.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Statement on Pruitt resignation

Is there one?

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:57:55 PM
To: Marianne Lavelle [marianne.lavelle@insideclimatenews.org]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Any further statement?

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Marianne Lavelle [mailto:marianne.lavelle@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Any further statement?

We saw the Tweet from the President on Mr. Pruitt's resignation. Is there any further statement from Mr. Pruitt or from the EPA or from Mr. Wheeler?

Many thanks for any help you can provide!

Best, Marianne
Marianne Lavelle
reporter and writer, politics
InsideClimate News

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:57:40 PM
To: Timothy Cama [tcama@thehill.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Resignation

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Resignation

I'm all ears for statements from Pruitt, Wheeler, etc.

Thanks.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer
The Hill

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:57:17 PM
To: Benjamin Wolfgang [bwolfgang@washingtontimes.com]
Subject: RE: Pruitt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Benjamin Wolfgang [mailto:bwolfgang@washingtontimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt

Michael, I' m helping a colleague with the resignation news. Is it possible to get a copy of resignation letter?

Thanks,

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:17:20 PM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: here you are

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

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Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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Sent: 7/6/2018 6:15:38 PM
To: Zahra Hirji [zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Subject: RE: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Thanks Zahra, enjoy the weekend!

From: Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Here's my BuzzFeed News [story about Pruitt's exit](#), and a [follow about Wheeler](#).

best,
Zahra

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 4:01 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

I'm seeing there is a Pruitt statement out there. Is that not official? Can you please comment?

<https://twitter.com/@finnygo>

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 3:57 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Dear John, Jahan, and Press EPA,

Trump tweeted today that he's accepted Pruitt's resignation. Can you confirm that Pruitt resigned? Can I get a copy of his resignation letter? Can you comment on his departure? I am writing a story on this for BuzzFeed News.

I am on deadline.

Thanks,

Zahra

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Reporter

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:06:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: here you are

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:51:16 PM
To: Chris Knight [chris.knight@argusmedia.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt statement

Will have something to you shortly.

From: Chris Knight [mailto:chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

EPA press,
Do you have any statement on Pruitt's resignation? And was he asked to resign by President Trump?

Thanks,
Chris

Chris Knight
Reporter
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Sent: 7/6/2018 6:13:25 PM
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Subject: FW: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Unfailingly polite.

From: Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

Here's my BuzzFeed News [story about Pruitt's exit](#), and a [follow about Wheeler](#).

best,
Zahra

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 4:01 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

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<https://twitter.com/@finnygo>

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:53 PM

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

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I am on deadline.

Thanks,

Zahra

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:50:46 PM
To: Steve Davies [steve@agri-pulse.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Statement on Pruitt resignation

Will have something to you shortly.

From: Steve Davies [mailto:steve@agri-pulse.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Statement on Pruitt resignation

Is there one?

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:50:35 PM
To: Marianne Lavelle [marianne.lavelle@insideclimatenews.org]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Any further statement?

Will have something to you shortly.

From: Marianne Lavelle [mailto:marianne.lavelle@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Any further statement?

We saw the Tweet from the President on Mr. Pruitt's resignation. Is there any further statement from Mr. Pruitt or from the EPA or from Mr. Wheeler?

Many thanks for any help you can provide!

Best, Marianne
Marianne Lavelle
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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:05:38 PM
To: Knickmeyer, Ellen [EKnickmeyer@ap.org]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
CC: Biesecker, Michael [MBiesecker@ap.org]
Subject: RE: Hello- can you please send Mr. Pruitt's resignation letter?

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Knickmeyer, Ellen [mailto:EKnickmeyer@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Subject: Hello- can you please send Mr. Pruitt's resignation letter?

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:50:13 PM
To: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: here

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:05:30 PM
To: Todd Neeley [todd.neeley@dtm.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Reporter, DTN/Progressive Farmer re: Official statement on Scott Pruitt resignation

We will refer you to the President's statement.

From: Todd Neeley [mailto:todd.neeley@dtm.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Reporter, DTN/Progressive Farmer re: Official statement on Scott Pruitt resignation

With the news Scott Pruitt has resigned, might the press office be releasing an official statement from the now-former administrator?

Sincerely,

Todd Neeley
DTN Staff Reporter | *DTN/The Progressive Farmer* | Ag News | United States
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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:47:18 PM
To: Ganim, Sara [Sara.Ganim@turner.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Resignation

Will have something to you shortly.

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From: Ganim, Sara [mailto:Sara.Ganim@turner.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Resignation

Do you guys have an official comment on Pruitt's behalf, or on Epa behalf, about Trump's tweet that Scott Pruitt has resigned?

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Sara Ganim
CNN Correspondent
New York

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:01:04 PM
To: Alba, Monica (NBCUniversal) [Monica.Alba@nbcuni.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt resignation letter?

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From: Alba, Monica (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Monica.Alba@nbcuni.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt resignation letter?

Hi, sorry to bug on this. Wanted to see if you can pass along Pruitt's resignation letter please? Thanks so much

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Monica Alba
NBC News
White House Producer

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:01:02 PM
To: Zahra Hirji [zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Media Request: Comment on Pruitt's departure from the EPA

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From: Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
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To: Alexander, Peter (NBCUniversal) [peter.alexander@nbcuni.com]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NBC News Request

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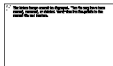
From: Alexander, Peter (NBCUniversal) [mailto:peter.alexander@nbcuni.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: NBC News Request

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC News, would you please email me Scott Pruitt's resignation letter.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,

Peter



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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:44:26 PM
To: Smith, Abby [asmith@bloombergenvironment.com]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Comment on Scott Pruitt/Andrew Wheeler?

Hey Abby,

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Scott Pruitt

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on Scott Pruitt/Andrew Wheeler?

Hi Jahan and Mike,

I'm sure you all are slammed right now – but I wanted to reach out to see if you all had a statement about the president accepting Scott Pruitt's resignation from EPA today.

I'm writing in particular about the policy initiatives Mr. Pruitt started at the agency – and whether we should expect any changes to the agenda or any pause in the agency's initiatives as Andrew Wheeler transitions into the acting EPA administrator role. It would be great to get a comment from the agency in my story if possible, particularly since it is policy focused. Would you be able to provide a comment on this? Please let me know as soon as possible.

Please don't hesitate to call my office line, 703-341-3778, if you need to reach me via phone. I appreciate your help with this.

Thanks in advance!

Abby

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:56:40 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Travel pool #4/fixing quote and rolling

From: Todd Gillman <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:54:14 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #4/fixing quote and rolling

POTUS motorcade rolled from Air Force One at Great Falls, Montana, at 3:48 PM MT.

Fixing quote from Trump on Pruitt to add dropped word.

EPA administrator Scott Pruitt resignation

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Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte followed the president down the steps.

Stephen Miller was aboard among others already ID'd.
Well more than a hundred onlookers waved as the motorcade left the airport and passed.

Heading to MAGA rally.

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:40:38 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

From: "Gillman, Todd" <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:36:06 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

President Trump landed in Great Falls, Montana, at 3:34 pm Mountain Time.

The president invited the press corps to his office at the front of Air Force One for a wide ranging conversation that lasted nearly 35 minutes. Most of it was off the record. Bill Shine, his new communications director, was with him, along with Hogan Gidley.

On the record Q&A with the president:

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Any final straw on Pruitt?

"No final straw. I think Scott saw that he was, he was, uh— look, Scott is a terrific guy. And he came ot me and he said I have such great confidence in the administration. I don't want to be a distraction. And I think Scott felt that he was a distraction."

His choice or yours? "It was very much up to him."

The decision has been in the works for "A couple of days. We've been talking about it for a little while."

"He'll go on to great things and he's going to have a wonderful life, I hope. But he felt that he did not want to be a distraction for an administration that he has a lot of faith in."

(Note that the pool had learned about Pruitt's resignation from Fox News, playing on TVs in the press cabin, before Hogan brought us to the president.)

NORTH KOREA

"When I took office, you can quote me on this, North Korea was doing tremendous testing, tremendous missile launches. And you can ask President Obama, he was very close to going to war and he would have lost 50 million people, plus. ... The rhetoric was very strong. In the meantime for eight months you've had not one rocket launch, missile launch and you haven't had one nuclear test."

Is NK trying to hide its nuclear program?

"We'll see. We'll see. All I can tell you is this. You ahven't had one missile launch and you haven't had one rocket launch."

Do you trust Kim?

"I had a very good feeling about him from the standpoint – I shook his hand. I thought we got along very well. I thought we had a good chemistry together. I think we understand each other. I really believe that he sees a different future for North Korea. I hope that's true. If that's not true we'll go back to the other way."

Under the Obama administration they were launching missiles, they were testing. They're not doing that anymore. That could start tomorrow. Who knows. And if it does, I won't be happy. But for eight months there's been not one rocket or missile launch or there hasn't been a nuclear test. And other things have happened including last week, taking down the anti-US propaganda."

Supreme Court

"I'll say on the record that I am interviewing some extraordinarily talented and brilliant people and I'm very, very happy with them and we will pick somebody who will be outstanding, hopefully for many years to come."

Is the Gorsuch rollout the model for this rollout? "Very close.... We're going to do it at 9 pm in the White House."

Asked to provide details about where the selection process stands: "I think I have it down to four people and I think of the four people, I have it down to three or two. I think they're all outstanding. Honestly I could pick any of the 25 and they would be terrific. Those are very terrific people. The whole list is extraordinary."

A pooler ticks off names of four judges identified in news reports as finalists. The president wouldn't play, saying: "I don't want say the four. But I have it down to four."

"I'll have a decision made in my mind by Sunday. We'll announce it on Monday. I'll give you the answer."

Will any SCOTUS contenders come to Bedminster this weekend? "I was thinking about it. I doubt it. Unlikely."

He said that Vice President Pence and some unnamed White House staff will join him in NJ this weekend. "We're going to go over the Supreme Court and some other things that we're working on. I do think that something very very exciting is Space Force. There is tremendous excitement about Space Force... We're moving along."

Tariffs on China

The president confirmed that \$34 billion in tariffs against China will kick in tonight. "34, and then you have another 16 in two weeks and then as you know we have 200 billion in abeyance and then after the 200 billion we have 300 billion in abeyance. Ok? So we have 50 plus 200 plus almost 300."

"It's only on China."

Rep. Jim Jordan allegations

Allegations against Jim Jordan: "I don't believe them at all. I believe him. Jim Jordan is one of the most outstanding people I've met since I've been in Washington. I believe him 100 percent. No question in my mind. I believe Jim Jordan 100 percent. He's an outstanding man."

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CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you send me the inquiry

CNN Updated their story:

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/06/politics/environmental-protection-agency-formaldehyde-vapor-cancer/index.html>

Politico: EPA intentionally delayed release of cancer study, officials say

By Jamie Ehrlich, CNN

Administration officials within the Environmental Protection Agency are blocking a report from the public on the dangers of inhaling formaldehyde vapor, according to Politico.

The draft assessment, completed by EPA scientists shortly before the inauguration in 2017, shows that the inhalation of formaldehyde vapor puts people at risk of developing leukemia and other ailments, both a current and former agency official told Politico.

The current and former agency officials told Politico the move is part of a campaign to undermine the EPA's independent research into the risks associated with toxic chemicals.

Though formaldehyde is found in everyday materials like wood and household products, it has been found to be highly toxic and may cause adverse health effects. The EPA considers formaldehyde a probable human carcinogen. However, this new draft assessment provides evidence of ties to nasopharyngeal cancer and leukemia.

This report comes as EPA administrator Scott Pruitt resigned on Thursday amid months of ethics controversies. Andrew Wheeler, the EPA's deputy administrator and former coal lobbyist, will assume the position upon Pruitt's departure.

The EPA officials told Politico that Trump appointees have canceled key briefings that would have advanced the study and placed undue requirements on officials who would begin the required internal review of the formaldehyde study.

"They're stonewalling every step of the way," the current official said.

According to the Politico report, EPA staffers claimed that Trump administration officials including EPA chief of staff Ryan Jackson and Richard Yamada, an official in the EPA's Office of Research and Development, purposely worked to delay the process and revelations contained in the assessment.

But in a statement to CNN, an EPA spokesperson denied that the delays were intentional, and said they were instead caused by "needs for particular rulemakings" and "an extensive intra-agency and interagency process."

"Mr. Yamada and Mr. Jackson have not cancelled briefings on assessments or during the IRIS process, and in fact have requested briefings," said the spokesperson, before pointing out that there are groups skeptical of the EPA's previous work on the subject.

"The National Academy of Science and Congress in legislative reports have for years been highly critical of EPA's previous assessments involving formaldehyde."

Assessments from the Integrated Risk Information System, an independent science division of the EPA that produced the report, often form the basis for federal and state regulations. In 2016, the Toxic Substances Control Act created a "mandatory requirement for EPA to evaluate existing chemicals with clear and enforceable deadlines" and mandated "risk-based chemical assessment."

An EPA official who spoke to CNN describes the formaldehyde study as being at "stage 1 of a 7 stage process," and said the report is simply not ready for public consumption. According to the official, analysts are going over thousands of pages of documents in an effort to "get the science right."

The administration's handling of the formaldehyde study has come under scrutiny in the past, prompting an inquiry by Democratic senators in to its whereabouts. In January, Pruitt testified before a Senate panel that the study was nearly complete. In May, Sens. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, Rhode Island's Sheldon Whitehouse and Delaware's Tom Carper penned a letter to Pruitt asking about the delay, expressing concern that they had received no response from the administration in months. Markey claims in the letter than his office contacts the EPA every two-three weeks about the release of the study.

The EPA official could not explain to CNN why Pruitt told senators in January the report was "near completion" if it is still only in its first stage.

"Because formaldehyde can be found in such everyday items as furniture and personal care products, health risks are substantial." Markey said in a statement to CNN regarding the new revelations of the delay.

"Delaying the EPA's latest assessment of the health risks of formaldehyde only further endangers the public's health. The EPA should move past politics and focus on its job of protecting Americans' health."

From: Block, Molly

Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:34 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Can you send me the inquiry

Also, here's the statement we sent politico, do you know if he has it?

"EPA continues to discuss this assessment with our Agency program partners and have no further updates to provide at this time. Assessments of this type are often the result of needs for particular rulemakings and undergo an extensive intra-agency and interagency process. Mr. Yamada and Mr. Jackson have not cancelled briefings on assessments or during the IRIS process, and in fact have requested briefings. The National Academy of Science and Congress in legislative reports have for years been highly critical of EPA's previous assessments involving formaldehyde." - EPA Spokesperson

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me the inquiry

Yes –

Calling Richard now.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:31 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me the inquiry

Molly –

Can we help find an answer on this quickly for Ryan? He is going on air after the 2:00 PM hour.

From: Nobles, Ryan [<mailto:Ryan.Nobles@cnn.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me the inquiry

Hey Jahan-

I am wondering you can provide any insight into this report that the EPA is purposely withholding a study the dangers of inhaling formaldehyde vapor.

I was hoping you could confirm if the study has concluded and what is the reason for it not being released.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/06/politics/environmental-protection-agency-formaldehyde-vapor-cancer/index.html>

Let me know,
Ryan

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 1:27 PM

To: Nobles, Ryan <Ryan.Nobles@cnn.com>

Subject: Can you send me the inquiry

Jahan Wilcox

EPA

Strategic Communications Advisor

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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

Message

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: 7/6/2018 2:04:47 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi,

I'd like to speak with you about this issue so please call,

Ken -- Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

-----Original Message-----

From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
To: kenrunz; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Fri, Jul 6, 2018 08:07 AM
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

Ken --

We are still moving forward with community engagement events around the country this summer.

Molly

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:05 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

I have to ask you this question: What impact will Scott Pruitt's resignation have on the EPA PFAs campaign??? Will the other community engagements be held? Will the four steps Pruitt announced at the May leadership summit be followed? Will Andrew Wheeler be committed to the EPA's drive to reduce the impact of PFAs? If you say Pruitt's resignation will have no impact, there might not be a story, but I'd like to speak with you or someone at the EPA about the issue.
Please contact me to set up a good time we can speak and thanks for your help,

Ken Liebeskind, The Telegraph, Nashua, NH -- Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

-----Original Message-----

From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
To: kenrunz; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Sent: Wed, Jun 27, 2018 11:21 am
Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

I'm happy to help out as well! What info are you looking for?

Molly

From: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:20 AM

To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

I'm trying to get info on the regional EPA meeting in Exeter, NH that took place Monday and Tuesday. I tried contacting Dave Deegan but haven't heard back from him yet. Is he available today and if not do you know who can help with info about the event. Thanks,

Ken Liebeskind [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

-----Original Message-----

From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

To: kenrunz [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>

Sent: Wed, Jun 20, 2018 6:48 pm

Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

Ken –

I was look at your piece from Monday and I just wanted to clarify something quickly. The 70 parts per trillion is a health advisory, not an mcl. Administrator Pruitt announced at the National Leadership Summit that EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a mcl for PFOA and PFOS. Does that make sense?

Molly

From: Block, Molly

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:27 PM

To: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

You can attribute the quote to me. Thanks!

From: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:03 PM

To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Exeter questions for HQ

Hi Molly,

Thanks for your response, can you tell me who the EPA spokesperson is who is quoted below. Also the letter from NTTC was very interesting, unfortunately not relevant to this story,

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

To: kenrunz [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

Cc: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>

Sent: Wed, Jun 13, 2018 11:56 am

Subject: RE: Exeter questions for HQ

Ken –

I wanted to make sure you had a copy of this letter (see attached) Administrator Pruitt received yesterday from the National Tribal Toxics Council. Some highlights:

- “Council member Susan Hanson was able to join the recent National Leadership Summit on PFAS, and share tribal perspectives on EPA's regulatory actions and stewardship programs to limit the release of PFAS to the environment.”
- “At the Summit she had the opportunity to speak with you [Administrator Pruitt] as well as Charlotte Bertrand, your Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. “
- “We look forward to the EPA Water Program visits to tribal homelands to assess releases of PFAS along with state visits.”

In response to your questions below:

“Under the Trump Administration, EPA has made concerted efforts to improve environmental and health outcomes by refocusing on the Agency’s core mission: protecting human health and the environment. As Administrator Pruitt stressed at the PFAS National Leadership Summit, addressing PFAS is a national priority.” – EPA Spokesperson

Background:

Administrator Pruitt announced four actions EPA will take following the summit:

- EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
- EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as “hazardous substances” through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
- EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
- EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS by this summer.

On New Hampshire: The PFAS Community Engagement events are beginning in EPA’s Region 1, which covers the states of New England. It was scheduled first based on logistical considerations and coordination.

Let me know if you have additional questions!

Molly

Molly Block

Press Secretary
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: June 13, 2018 at 8:28:01 AM EDT
To: deegan.dave@epa.gov

Hi Dave,

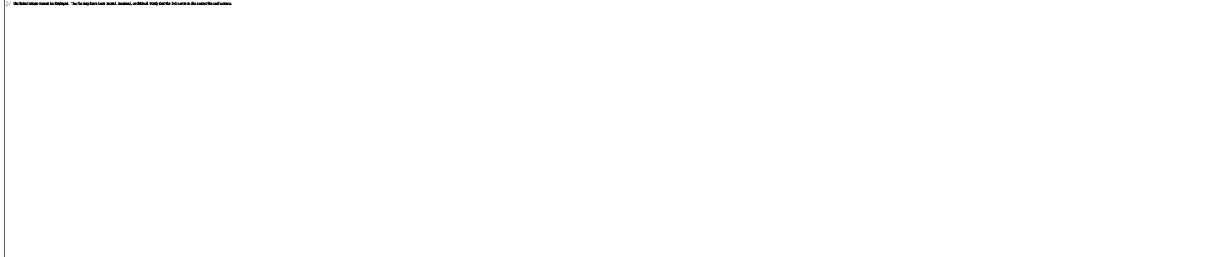
Please have Scott Pruitt answer these questions and return comments to me by tomorrow, June 14.
Thanks,

Ken Liebeskind – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

- 1. Why is New Hampshire the first state for the EPA's community engagements?**
- 2. Will you attend the event in Exeter, NH on June 25 and 26 or any of the other community engagements?**
- 3. You have been criticized by environmental groups for leading the Trump administration's efforts to scale back Obama era environmental regulations and EPA efforts to enforce them. How will the EPA's plans to address the PFAS issue change these perceptions?**

Message

From: Danylak, Mike (EPW) [Mike_Danylak@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:41:57 PM
To: Danylak, Mike (EPW) [Mike_Danylak@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: Barrasso Statement on the Resignation of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt
Attachments: ATT00001.txt



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July 5, 2018

Contact: Mike Danylak ~202.224.1049
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Barrasso Statement on the Resignation of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), released the following statement on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt.

“Under President Trump, the EPA has returned to its original mission of protecting America’s air, water, and land,” **said Barrasso**. “During Administrator Pruitt’s tenure, the agency has rolled back punishing regulations that were hurting American workers and stifling our economy.

“It has become increasingly challenging for the EPA to carry out its mission with the administrator under investigation. President Trump made the right decision to accept his resignation.

“I look forward to the confirmation of the next head of the EPA. In the meantime, I know Assistant Administrator Andrew Wheeler is well prepared to continue the progress already made under President Trump.”

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Message

From: Dempsey, Matt [Matt.Dempsey@fticonsulting.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:41:47 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Thank you, Molly.

From: Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Dempsey, Matt
Subject:

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

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From: Macy, Daniel [Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:35:03 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: News

Thanks!

From: Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News

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Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:33 PM, Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com> wrote:

Molly,
Again, thank you.
Is there a resignation letter?
Best,
Dan

From: Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:01 PM

To: Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: News

We will refer you to the President's statement.

Molly

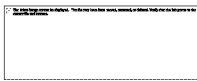
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On Jul 5, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com> wrote:

Hi Molly,

Can you confirm Scott Pruitt has resigned and the effective date? Does EPA have a statement? Thanks.

Best regards.



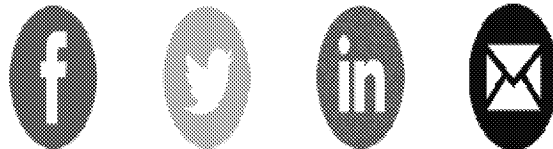
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Message

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Sent: 7/5/2018 10:26:53 PM
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Subject: News Alert: Former aides describe culture of fear under Pruitt

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Former aides describe culture of fear under Pruitt

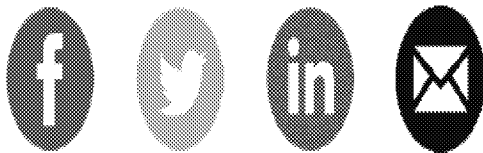
Succeeding at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meant keeping your head down, your opinions to yourself and never saying no to the boss, according to three former staffers who worked under Administrator Scott Pruitt.

They described working conditions under Pruitt, who announced his resignation Thursday, as equally tense and thankless and blamed the EPA chief for creating a culture of fear that often pitted employees against one another and left some workers — many under the age of 30 — feeling as if they couldn't say no to the administrator.

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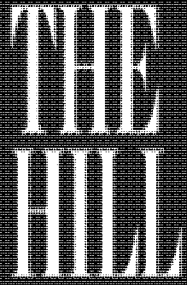
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Message

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Sent: 7/5/2018 10:07:40 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: deadline query

Thanks.

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From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:54 PM
To: Jeff Tollefson
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: deadline query

We'll refer you to the President's statement.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 5:45 PM, Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com> wrote:

Hello,

I'm writing a quick story about pruit's departure, and wanted to see if we could get a comment from somebody at the agency about his tenure, why he decided to step down now, the ongoing investigations, and where Wheeler plans to go from here.

We're planning to post within the hour. I'm available on my cell.

Many thanks,
Jeff

nature

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From: Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/6/2018 5:32:15 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

I would have just said, "No."

But this is good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2018, at 1:29 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Westlake question below

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

MEDIA INQUIRY Friday, July 6, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.

News Outlet: Exchange Monitor

Reporter: Chris Schneidmiller, Editor in Chief

Contact Information: chris@exchangemonitor.com, 571-435-3961

Deadline: Friday, July 6 @ 2:00 p.m. ET

OPA Coordinator: Curtis Carey

Branch Chief/SME: Lynn Juett, DeAndre Singletary

Question/Request:

With the resignation of Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator, does the acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler anticipate any changes to the current schedule or proposed remedy for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo.?

Draft Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Message

From: White House Press Office [whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:56:40 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: Travel pool #4/fixing quote and rolling

From: Todd Gillman <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:54:14 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #4/fixing quote and rolling

POTUS motorcade rolled from Air Force One at Great Falls, Montana, at 3:48 PM MT.

Fixing quote from Trump on Pruitt to add dropped word.

EPA administrator Scott Pruitt resignation

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Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte followed the president down the steps.

Stephen Miller was aboard among others already ID'd.

Well more than a hundred onlookers waved as the motorcade left the airport and passed.

Heading to MAGA rally.

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To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: News

Thank you.

From: Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News

We will refer you to the President's statement.

Molly

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Macy, Daniel <Daniel.Macy@ihsmarkit.com> wrote:

Hi Molly,
Can you confirm Scott Pruitt has resigned and the effective date? Does EPA have a statement? Thanks.
Best regards.



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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]

Hi Molly,

I'd like to speak with you about an article on the impact of Scott Pruitt's resignation on the PFAs campaign.

Please answer these questions:'

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->What impact will Scott Pruitt's resignation have on the EPA PFAs campaign?
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Will the other community engagements after Exeter, NH be held and when are they scheduled?
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Will the four actions Pruitt announced at the May leadership summit be followed and what has been done so far to complete them?
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Will the EPA meet its deadline to establish a PFAs management plan by the end of the year, and if so do you have a date when it will be announced?
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Will Andrew Wheeler be committed to the EPA's drive to develop a PFAs management plan and how might the EPA change with Mr. Wheeler in charge, especially in regard to the PFAs issue?

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To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

From: regionalpress
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 9:45:40 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Mears, Mary; regionalpress
Cc: Kluesner, Dave; Rodriguez, Elias
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

Yes thanks ng

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Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

I will alert Pete of this request, but am presuming HQ OPA is lead.

From: O'Neill, James [mailto:ONeillJ@northjersey.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Any react from Lopez re Pruitt?

Hi – just wanted to see if Pete Lopez has any comment on Pruitt resignation; also, any idea what impact if any this would have on Berry's Creek and Pruitt's list of priority Superfund sites?

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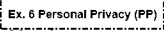
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To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

From: "Gillman, Todd" <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:36:06 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

President Trump landed in Great Falls, Montana, at 3:34 pm Mountain Time.

The president invited the press corps to his office at the front of Air Force One for a wide ranging conversation that lasted nearly 35 minutes. Most of it was off the record. Bill Shine, his new communications director, was with him, along with Hogan Gidley.

On the record Q&A with the president:

EPA administrator Scott Pruitt resignation

"Scott Pruitt did an outstanding job inside of the EPA. We've gotten rid of record breaking regulations and it's been really. You know, obviously the controversies with Scott but within the agency we were extremely happy. His deputy has been with me actually a long time. He was very much an early Trump supporter. He was with us on the campaign. He is a very environmental person. He's a big believer, and he's going to do a fantastic job."

Any final straw on Pruitt?

"No final straw. I think Scott saw that he was, he was, uh— look, Scott is a terrific guy. And he came ot me and he said I have such great confidence in the administration. I don't want to be a distraction. And I think Scott felt that he was a distraction."

His choice or yours? "It was very much up to him."

The decision has been in the works for "A couple of days. We've been talking about it for a little while."

"He'll go on to great things and he's going to have a wonderful life, I hope. But he felt that he did not want to be a distraction for an administration that he has a lot of faith in."

(Note that the pool had learned about Pruitt's resignation from Fox News, playing on TVs in the press cabin, before Hogan brought us to the president.)

NORTH KOREA

"When I took office, you can quote me on this, North Korea was doing tremendous testing, tremendous missile launches. And you can ask President Obama, he was very close to going to war and he would have lost 50 million people, plus. ... The rhetoric was very strong. In the meantime for eight months you've had not one rocket launch, missile launch and you haven't had one nuclear test."

Is NK trying to hide its nuclear program?

"We'll see. We'll see. All I can tell you is this. You ahven't had one missile launch and you haven't had one rocket launch."

Do you trust Kim?

"I had a very good feeling about him from the standpoint – I shook his hand. I thought we got along very well. I thought we had a good chemistry together. I think we understand each other. I really believe that he sees a different future for North Korea. I hope that's true. If that's not true we'll go back to the other way."

Under the Obama administration they were launching missiles, they were testing. They're not doing that anymore. That could start tomorrow. Who knows. And if it does, I won't be happy. But for eight months there's been not one rocket or missile launch or there hasn't been a nuclear test. And other things have happened including last week, taking down the anti-US propaganda."

Supreme Court

"I'll say on the record that I am interviewing some extraordinarily talented and brilliant people and I'm very, very happy with them and we will pick somebody who will be outstanding, hopefully for many years to come."

Is the Gorsuch rollout the model for this rollout? "Very close.... We're going to do it at 9 pm in the White House."

Asked to provide details about where the selection process stands: "I think I have it down to four people and I think of the four people, I have it down to three or two. I think they're all outstanding. Honestly I could pick any of the 25 and they would be terrific. Those are very terrific people. The whole list is extraordinary."

A pooler ticks off names of four judges identified in news reports as finalists. The president wouldn't play, saying: "I don't want say the four. But I have it down to four."

"I'll have a decision made in my mind by Sunday. We'll announce it on Monday. I'll give you the answer."

Will any SCOTUS contenders come to Bedminster this weekend? "I was thinking about it. I doubt it. Unlikely."

He said that Vice President Pence and some unnamed White House staff will join him in NJ this weekend. "We're going to go over the Supreme Court and some other things that we're working on. I do think that something very very exciting is Space Force. There is tremendous excitement about Space Force... We're moving along."

Tariffs on China

The president confirmed that \$34 billion in tariffs against China will kick in tonight. "34, and then you have another 16 in two weeks and then as you know we have 200 billion in abeyance and then after the 200 billion we have 300 billion in abeyance. Ok? So we have 50 plus 200 plus almost 300."

"It's only on China."

Rep. Jim Jordan allegations

Allegations against Jim Jordan: "I don't believe them at all. I believe him. Jim Jordan is one of the most outstanding people I've met since I've been in Washington. I believe him 100 percent. No question in my mind. I believe Jim Jordan 100 percent. He's an outstanding man."

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CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Excellent!
Thanks, Molly.
joan

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Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

And we will definitely help with talking points to make sure he's prepared for any upcoming interviews!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2018, at 10:07 AM, schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok – will do, thank you!
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Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Yes. Let's wait a week please.

From: schaffer, joan
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Got it.

As the Horsham meeting nears, will you be able to provide language for the RA to use to address those types of questions, Molly? I am sure he will be asked about the Administrator and also his PFAS agenda.

In fact, this brings up a question...

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We still plan on issuing an Oped which we're working on...and will promote via social media.

Please share your thoughts – thank you!
Joan

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Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Not really. This just addresses Administrator Pruitt's resignation.

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To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Ok will do.
Is the general language on PFAS different from what we've rec'd previously?

Thanks.

From: Block, Molly

Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 9:52 AM

To: schaffer, joan <schaffer.joan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

Yes, he reached out last night. We have some language on PFAS in general right now. So if you're getting any inquiries, feel free to send them my way. Thanks!

From: schaffer, joan

Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 9:35 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Bucks County Courier Times (July 5) Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

FYI

Molly – it seems from the article that Kyle reached out to you yesterday –

Thx.

Pruitt controversy resonates in Bucks, Montgomery counties

By [Kyle Bagenstose](#)

Posted Jul 5, 2018

One of the controversies during Scott Pruitt's tenure at the Environmental Protection Agency has local ties. Earlier this year, emails obtained by the nonprofit Union of Concerned Scientists showed high-level EPA employees communicating with military and White House officials in an apparent effort to suppress a study on PFAS chemicals being prepared by another federal agency.

Those chemicals have contaminated scores of drinking water supplies across the country, including those serving approximately 70,000 Bucks and Montgomery County residents living near area military bases. Some experts have called into question the safety of the EPA's recommended limit for the chemicals, which is being used to guide the military's clean-up activities. The draft study, since released, also undercuts the EPA's science, leading officials to privately worry its release would cause a "public relations nightmare," the emails showed.

EPA officials have since told this news organization the study was not theirs to release and touted a Pruitt-directed initiative to address the chemicals in drinking water. Pruitt also was not a party to the emails obtained by the Union of Concerned Scientists, although one of his high-ranking appointees was a participant.

Still, local congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, R-8, of Middletown, cited the alleged suppression of the study and said he believed Pruitt should resign during a press conference in June. At the time, he was on a short list of Republicans nationwide who had done so.

"I'm pleased that Mr. Pruitt has resigned as EPA Administrator. His political considerations regarding the release of the draft PFOS/PFOA health study were simply unacceptable. His lack of transparency and candor surrounding its release were among the reasons why I called for his

resignation. I'm hopeful that Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler will be a much more willing partner to eliminate PFOS/PFOA from our drinking water," Fitzpatrick said in a statement. "I will closely monitor the EPA's progress on their PFAS initiative as the agency transitions to new leadership. I will not stop pressing the EPA until they implement an enforceable maximum contaminant level for PFOS and PFOA, informed by the latest scientific evidence, and the Department of Defense takes the necessary action to restore clean water to our community. The federal government caused this public health crisis, and we will continue to hold them accountable for remediating this situation."

Despite the email controversy, PFAS contamination was one of the nationwide issues Pruitt was publicly aggressive in addressing. As part of that effort, EPA plans to visit several communities across the country this summer for public engagement sessions, including one scheduled in Horsham on July 25. EPA press secretary Molly Block said Thursday afternoon the event is still proceeding as planned.

Message

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Subject: BREAKING NEWS: Pruitt resigns as EPA chief

President Donald Trump said he accepted the resignation of EPA chief Scott Pruitt following months of an unceasing cascade of scandals involving his travels, secrecy, spending and habit of seeking favors from industry lobbyists.

In a tweet, Trump said Pruitt "has done an outstanding job," and he named Pruitt's deputy, Andrew Wheeler, as acting administrator.

The resignation of Pruitt, once regarded as one of the most effective Cabinet members in advancing Trump's policies, came after months of damaging revelations about his practices, including a \$50-a-night Capitol Hill room rental from the wife of a lobbyist with business before EPA, Pruitt's use of EPA resources to seek employment for his wife and his record spending on personal security.

Read more: <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/07/05/pruitt-resigns-as-epa-chief-695291>

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By Amy Harder · Jul 06, 2018

Happy Friday, we're cutting our Generate vacation short to get you up to speed quickly on the latest with EPA and its changing bosses. Let's jump in.

1 big thing: What the EPA will be like now



The Environmental Protection Agency is likely to see smoother processes, less ethical controversy, but a small number of potential policy shifts with Administrator Scott Pruitt gone. Don't expect the overall direction of the agency to change.

Why it matters: For months Pruitt's various scandals have dominated headlines and distracted attention from the agency's regulatory rollbacks. With him gone, an agency scarred by a tumultuous run will be on the same policy track.

What's next: Andrew Wheeler, EPA's current deputy administrator, will be the acting administrator. He'll remain there until or unless Trump appoints a replacement and successfully gets the nominee through what would be a grueling Senate confirmation process.

Wheeler is a long-time Washington lobbyist and government official. He has represented coal producer Murray Energy, whose CEO Bob Murray has close to Trump, since 2009, according to federal lobbying disclosures.

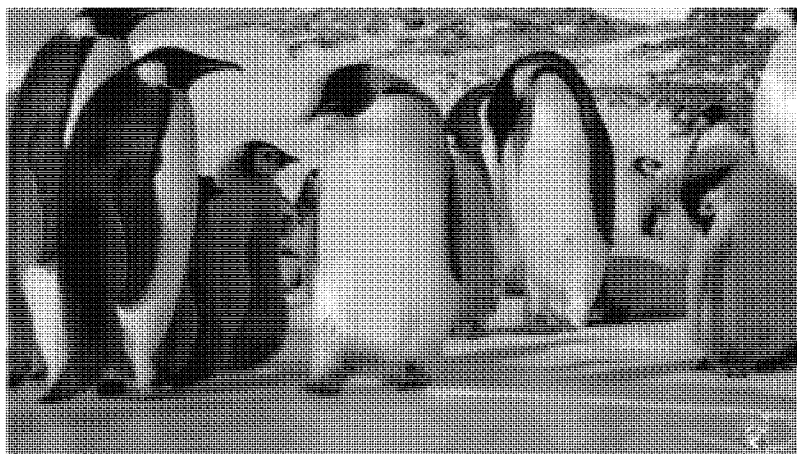
"On policies, I don't think Andy will be any different than Pruitt, truly. They see things the same way. Andy is going to be quieter, and probably less political in advancing the same agenda."

— Jeff Holmstead, former top EPA official in the George W. Bush administration

In the Axios stream, I run down how things are likely to change — and not change — under Wheeler in process, climate change and other regulations.



2. Scott Pruitt's far fall from Trump's grace



Many wondered why Scott Pruitt lasted as long as he did given the breadth of scandals.

Be smart: Trump liked Pruitt personally, and was a fan of his role repealing regulations. It took more time and more scandals for Pruitt to resign compared to other Cabinet officials because he had further to fall out of Trump's grace.

What they said: Despite being embroiled in several ethics scandals for most of this year, Trump stood by him publicly. Speaking on Air Force One Thursday, he said there was no "final straw" with Pruitt and that he resigned on his own accord.

- In April Trump said "Scott is doing a great job" despite being "TOTALLY under siege."
- Pruitt blamed his resignation on "unrelenting attacks on me personally," saying they "are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us."
- Trump praised Pruitt's work at the agency in his tweet Thursday, saying he had done an "outstanding job."

A senior administration official tells Axios' Jonathan Swan that Pruitt "ultimately lost the war of attrition":

- "If the people who've been covering for him start turning on him under oath, you know you've got a problem."
- "Privately, people would say [to Trump] that the media was just picking on Pruitt and it was fake news. But he wouldn't really bite like he normally would."
- "Trump would say to them things like: 'I don't know if they're trying to pick on him — he's giving them a lot to work with.'"
- **"Put it this way:** He never said the words 'witch hunt' to describe what was going on with Scott Pruitt."



3. Things to know about the next EPA chief

Don't hold your breath for an official nominee and confirmation process in the Senate. President Trump is very unlikely to nominate an official replacement for Pruitt until at least after he gets through his Supreme Court nominee, and probably not until after the midterm elections.

If/when that occurs, two clear candidates as of now:

- **Wheeler**, who does not have the flair Trump likes but does have the backing of almost all Republicans and even some conservative-state Democrats.
- **Go deeper:** Meet the former coal lobbyist replacing Pruitt
- **Donald van der Vaart**, who was North Carolina's top environmental regulator under former Republican Gov. Pat McCrory.
- He embodies much of the same positions as Pruitt and Wheeler and was on the short list for both EPA and also as director of the White House's Council on Environmental Quality during the transition.
- **Go deeper:** E&E News on van der Vaart as he was in the running for the White House post.

Bottom line: The more moderate wing of the Republican party will prefer Wheeler, but conservatives, including former Trump transition adviser Myron Ebell of the Conservative Enterprise Institute, have backed van der Vaart. Environmentalists and Democrats, meanwhile, will oppose either equally.

Thought bubble from Axios' Ben Geman: Pruitt's ouster could make life harder, not easier, for environmentalists and other opponents of EPA's agenda under Trump.

- Pruitt's ethics missteps and scandals turned him a ripe and headline-ready target, and they'll be challenged to gain the same traction against Wheeler, who has a lower profile and deeper ties to Capitol Hill.
- Wheeler's experience could also help EPA avoid some of the legal pitfalls that have bedeviled some of Pruitt's attempts to unwind Obama-era rules.



4. Lawmakers on Pruitt's resignation



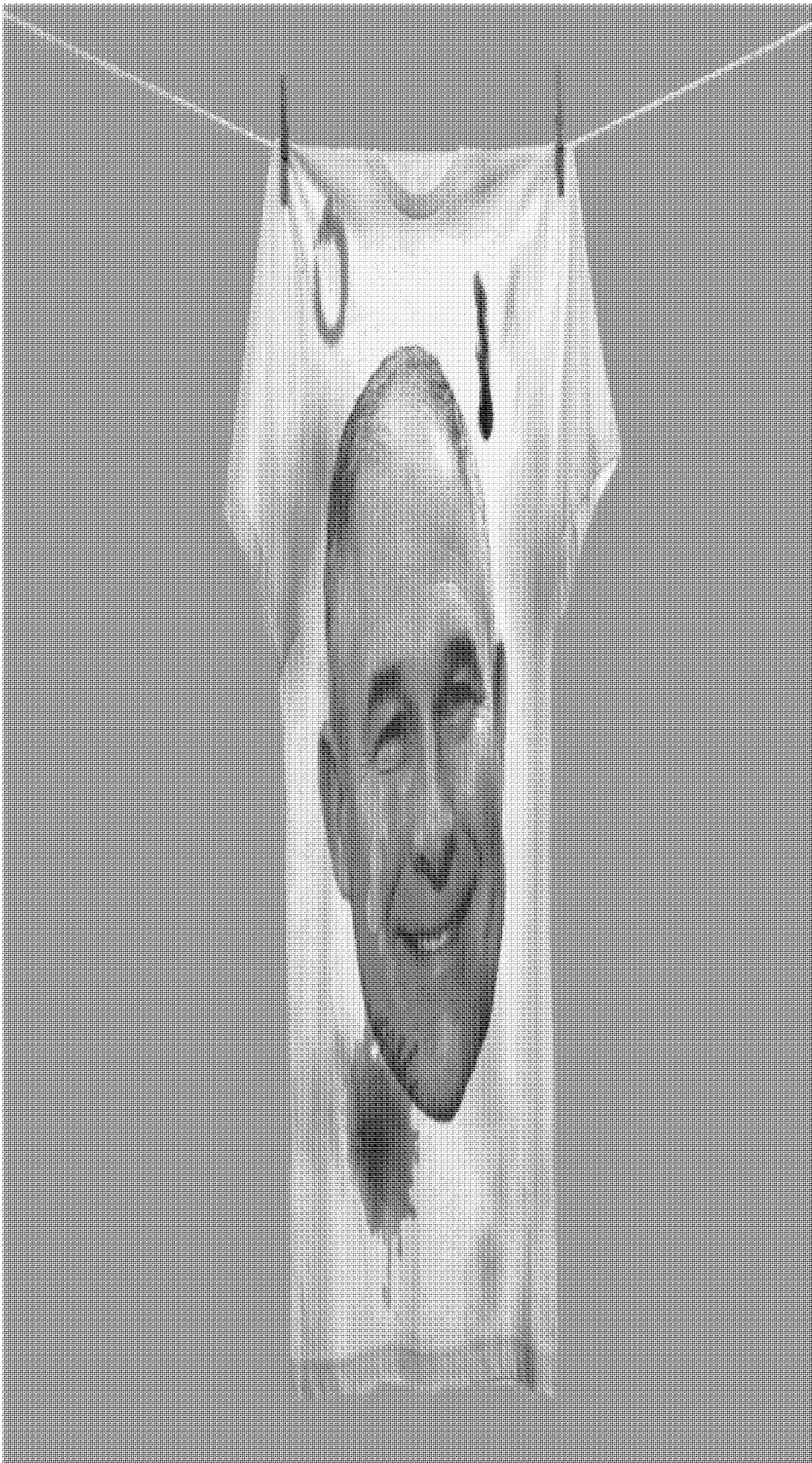
Republicans and Democrats alike cheered Pruitt's resignation Thursday.

- **Sen. John Barasso (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works:** "It has become increasingly challenging for the EPA to carry out its mission with the administrator under investigation. President Trump made the right decision to accept his resignation. I look forward to the confirmation of the next head of the EPA. In the meantime, I know Assistant Administrator Andrew Wheeler is well prepared to continue the progress already made under President Trump."
- **Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY):** "Took you long enough. Still a very long way to go to fully #DrainTheSwamp."
- **Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA):** "President Trump made the right decision. Administrator Pruitt's ethical scandals and his undermining of the President's commitment to biofuels and Midwest farmers were distracting from the agency's otherwise strong progress to free the nation of burdensome and harmful government regulations."
- **Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT):** "Scott Pruitt was the worst EPA administrator in the history of the agency ... I will do everything possible to see that the next EPA administrator actually believes in environmental protection."

Go deeper with more reaction.



5. The scandals that led to Pruitt's resignation

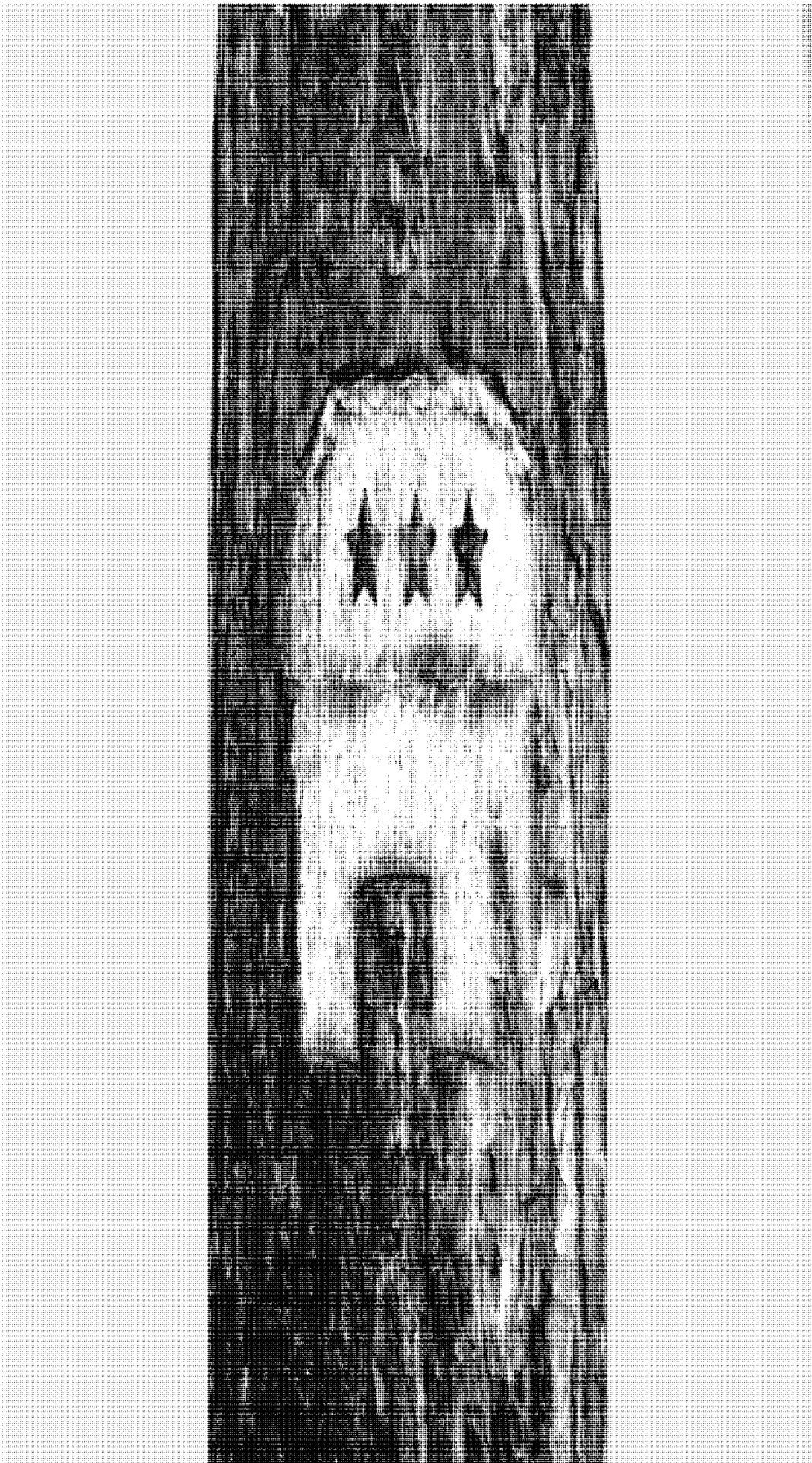


1. Rental of a \$50-a-night condo
2. Questionable raises to staff
3. Questionable firing of staff
4. Expensive security detail
5. \$5,700 biometric locks on his office doors
6. \$43,000 private phone booth
7. Expensive first-class flights
8. Affinity for a flashing-lights motorcade
9. Lobbyist help on expensive Moroccan trip
10. Baseball tickets sold by coal exec
11. \$1,500 pens, \$1,600 journals
12. Tasking an aide with personal tasks, including requesting a Trump hotel mattress
13. Criticizing that aide
14. Trying to get his wife a job as a Chick-Fil-A franchisee
15. Questionable requests of his security detail, like finding lotion
16. Questionable requests of his employees, like getting yogurt
17. Asking conservative donors for help getting his wife a for \$200,000/year job
18. Former political aide running FOIA requests

Go deeper with more details of each.



6. How America got its most powerful EPA boss



Scott Pruitt was the most aggressive leader of the Environmental Protection Agency in its almost 50-year history — and the most controversial in a generation.

The big picture: But Pruitt didn't come out of nowhere. His ascendance to the agency reflects changing politics of the past few decades. Putting aside Pruitt's ethical and spending controversies, his environmental views are actually in line with most of the Republican Party since Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980.

- What's changed is how empowered Pruitt was under President Trump, the emergence of climate change as a top environmental issue and a prior administration that was aggressive in its own right issuing regulations.
- All of this will remain the same with Andrew Wheeler, EPA's No. 2., at the agency's helm.

Go deeper: How EPA got its most powerful boss



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Subject: RE: MarketWatch - It's time for the Republican Congress to impeach the EPA's Scott Pruitt

I shall indeed. Thx.

Cheers, R.

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Hey Robert –

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Thanks!

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Sent: 7/6/2018 5:57:43 PM
To: Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

THANK YOU!!!

From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:53 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

FYI – Superfund’s response. Good to go.

V.

From: Stalcup, Dana
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Woolford, James <Woolford.James@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) I don’t know if he is tracking e-mails at this point.

I have no comments on the draft response. - Dana

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From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Woolford, James <Woolford.James@epa.gov>; Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill
Importance: High

Please see draft response from R7 re: Westlake below. Edits?

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:30 PM
To: Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

Westlake question below

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: R7 Media Inquiry: Exchange Monitor ref. West Lake Landfill

MEDIA INQUIRY Friday, July 6, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.

News Outlet: Exchange Monitor

Reporter: Chris Schneidmiller, Editor in Chief

Contact Information: chris@exchangemonitor.com Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Deadline: Friday, July 6 @ 2:00 p.m. ET

OPA Coordinator: Curtis Carey

Branch Chief/SME: Lynn Juett, DeAndre Singletary

Question/Request:

With the resignation of Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator, does the acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler anticipate any changes to the current schedule or proposed remedy for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo.?

Draft Response:

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:33:46 PM
To: Courtney Norris [CNorris@newshour.org]
Subject: Re: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

You betcha

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:33 PM, Courtney Norris <CNorris@newshour.org> wrote:

THANK YOU MOLLLLLL ♥

Courtney K. Norris
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From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:33:04 PM
To: Courtney Norris
Subject: Fwd: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

FYI -

Hi!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 4:29:49 PM EDT
To: Daniel Cooney <DCooney@newshour.org>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

Mr. President, it has been an honor to serve you in the Cabinet as Administrator of the EPA. Truly, your confidence in me has blessed me personally and enabled me to advance your agenda beyond what anyone anticipated at the beginning of your Administration. Your courage, steadfastness and resolute commitment to get results for the American people, both with regard to improved environmental outcomes as well as historical regulatory reform, is in fact occurring at an unprecedented pace and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the American people in helping achieve those ends.

That is why it is hard for me to advise you I am stepping down as Administrator of the EPA effective as of July 6. It is extremely difficult for me to cease serving you in this role first because I count it a blessing to be serving you in any capacity, but also, because of the transformative work that is occurring. However, the unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.

My desire in service to you has always been to bless you as you make important decisions for the American people. I believe you are serving as President today because of God's providence. I believe that same providence brought me into your service. I pray as I have served you that I have blessed you and enabled you to effectively lead the American people. Thank you again Mr. President for the honor of serving you and I wish you Godspeed in all that you put your hand to.

Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

From: Daniel Cooney [<mailto:DCooney@newshour.org>]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

Good afternoon – Dan Cooney here from the PBS NewsHour.

I am inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter to the president. I am seeing several tweets with the letter included and I want to make sure we are providing accurate information. Would I be able to get a copy of the letter?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Dan Cooney

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Sent: 7/5/2018 3:01:54 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MarketWatch - It's time for the Republican Congress to impeach the EPA's Scott Pruitt

Thank you so much!!!

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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I shall indeed. Thx.

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:29:25 PM
To: Myron Ebell [Myron.Ebell@cei.org]
Subject: Cooler Heads Coalition: CEI statement on EPA Admin Scott Pruitt's resignation

CEI on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's Resignation

WASHINGTON, July 5, 2018 -- Today, President Trump announced the resignation of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt. The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) released the following statement about the news.

Director of CEI's Center for Energy and Environment Myron Ebell said:

"On behalf of CEI, we thank Scott Pruitt for his outstanding service as EPA administrator, and we regret that personal troubles got in the way. Over the past 18 months, the EPA has made tremendous progress in ensuring that Americans have access to affordable and reliable energy. We are particularly pleased with Pruitt's leadership getting the United States out of the Paris Climate Treaty, rolling back climate rules like the so-called Clean Power Plan, replacing the Waters of the United States rule, and establishing new science transparency rules.

"We have full confidence in Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to carry President Trump's important EPA reform agenda forward. The reforms undertaken will have positive consequences for American consumers, the economy, and the environment."

<https://cei.org/content/cei-epa-administrator-scott-pruitts-resignation>

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From: White House Press Office [whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:40:38 PM
To: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

From: "Gillman, Todd" <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:36:06 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #3/Trump gaggle en route Montana - Pruitt, North Korea etc

President Trump landed in Great Falls, Montana, at 3:34 pm Mountain Time.

The president invited the press corps to his office at the front of Air Force One for a wide ranging conversation that lasted nearly 35 minutes. Most of it was off the record. Bill Shine, his new communications director, was with him, along with Hogan Gidley.

On the record Q&A with the president:

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Any final straw on Pruitt?

"No final straw. I think Scott saw that he was, he was, uh— look, Scott is a terrific guy. And he came ot me and he said I have such great confidence in the administration. I don't want to be a distraction. And I think Scott felt that he was a distraction."

His choice or yours? "It was very much up to him."

The decision has been in the works for "A couple of days. We've been talking about it for a little while."

"He'll go on to great things and he's going to have a wonderful life, I hope. But he felt that he did not want to be a distraction for an administration that he has a lot of faith in."

(Note that the pool had learned about Pruitt's resignation from Fox News, playing on TVs in the press cabin, before Hogan brought us to the president.)

NORTH KOREA

"When I took office, you can quote me on this, North Korea was doing tremendous testing, tremendous missile launches. And you can ask President Obama, he was very close to going to war and he would have lost 50 million people, plus. ... The rhetoric was very strong. In the meantime for eight months you've had not one rocket launch, missile launch and you haven't had one nuclear test."

Is NK trying to hide its nuclear program?

"We'll see. We'll see. All I can tell you is this. You ahven't had one missile launch and you haven't had one rocket launch."

Do you trust Kim?

"I had a very good feeling about him from the standpoint – I shook his hand. I thought we got along very well. I thought we had a good chemistry together. I think we understand each other. I really believe that he sees a different future for North Korea. I hope that's true. If that's not true we'll go back to the other way."

Under the Obama administration they were launching missiles, they were testing. They're not doing that anymore. That could start tomorrow. Who knows. And if it does, I won't be happy. But for eight months there's been not one rocket or missile launch or there hasn't been a nuclear test. And other things have happened including last week, taking down the anti-US propaganda."

Supreme Court

"I'll say on the record that I am interviewing some extraordinarily talented and brilliant people and I'm very, very happy with them and we will pick somebody who will be outstanding, hopefully for many years to come."

Is the Gorsuch rollout the model for this rollout? "Very close.... We're going to do it at 9 pm in the White House."

Asked to provide details about where the selection process stands: "I think I have it down to four people and I think of the four people, I have it down to three or two. I think they're all outstanding. Honestly I could pick any of the 25 and they would be terrific. Those are very terrific people. The whole list is extraordinary."

A pooler ticks off names of four judges identified in news reports as finalists. The president wouldn't play, saying: "I don't want say the four. But I have it down to four."

"I'll have a decision made in my mind by Sunday. We'll announce it on Monday. I'll give you the answer."

Will any SCOTUS contenders come to Bedminster this weekend? "I was thinking about it. I doubt it. Unlikely."

He said that Vice President Pence and some unnamed White House staff will join him in NJ this weekend. "We're going to go over the Supreme Court and some other things that we're working on. I do think that something very very exciting is Space Force. There is tremendous excitement about Space Force... We're moving along."

Tariffs on China

The president confirmed that \$34 billion in tariffs against China will kick in tonight. "34, and then you have another 16 in two weeks and then as you know we have 200 billion in abeyance and then after the 200 billion we have 300 billion in abeyance. Ok? So we have 50 plus 200 plus almost 300."

"It's only on China."

Rep. Jim Jordan allegations

Allegations against Jim Jordan: "I don't believe them at all. I believe him. Jim Jordan is one of the most outstanding people I've met since I've been in Washington. I believe him 100 percent. No question in my mind. I believe Jim Jordan 100 percent. He's an outstanding man."

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From: Todd Gillman <tgillman@dallasnews.com>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 3:54:14 PM MDT
Subject: Travel pool #4/fixing quote and rolling

POTUS motorcade rolled from Air Force One at Great Falls, Montana, at 3:48 PM MT.

Fixing quote from Trump on Pruitt to add dropped word.

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Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte followed the president down the steps.

Stephen Miller was aboard among others already ID'd.
Well more than a hundred onlookers waved as the motorcade left the airport and passed.

Heading to MAGA rally.

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To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: [EXT] Re: Resignation Letter

Thank you!

From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Johnson, Steve <Steve.Johnson@KFOR.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Resignation Letter

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:29:21 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: KWTW OKC interview/statement request for Pruitt

Hello again,

I met you both last year when we visited DC to interview Pruitt. I know you all are probably slammed with Pruitt's resignation announcement. But once things settle a bit, we would like to come out for another interview with him. Can you let me know if that would be a possibility? For now, would you include me in the requests for a statement?

Thank you!
Deanne



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CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:29:05 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: CEI on Pruitt resignation

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From: Annie Dwyer <Annie.Dwyer@cei.org>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 5:27:36 PM EDT
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Subject: CEI on Pruitt resignation

Hi all -- Just wanted to flag this statement from CEI on the Pruitt news today.

Thanks,
Annie

CEI on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's Resignation

WASHINGTON, July 5, 2018 -- Today, President Trump announced the resignation of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt. The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) released the following statement about the news.

Director of CEI's Center for Energy and Environment Myron Ebell said:

"On behalf of CEI, we thank Scott Pruitt for his outstanding service as EPA administrator, and we regret that personal troubles got in the way. Over the past 18 months, the EPA has made tremendous progress in ensuring that Americans have access to affordable and reliable energy. We are particularly pleased with Pruitt's leadership getting the United States out of the Paris Climate Treaty, rolling back climate rules like the so-called Clean Power Plan, replacing the Waters of the United States rule, and establishing new science transparency rules.

"We have full confidence in Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to carry President Trump's important EPA reform agenda forward. The reforms undertaken will have positive consequences for American consumers, the economy, and the environment."

Annie Dwyer
Vice President of Communications
Competitive Enterprise Institute

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:14:44 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Letter

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Subject: Hi

Can you send me the Pruitt resignation letter please

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Thanks Lincoln
And can you confirm that Andy Wheeler starts Monday?

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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:56:50 PM
To: Alex Cameron [alex.cameron@griffincommunications.net]
Subject: Re: question

Effective as of tomorrow.

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On Jul 5, 2018, at 5:52 PM, Alex Cameron <alex.cameron@griffincommunications.net> wrote:

Thanks for your help with this. Is the resignation immediate?

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: question

Hi Lincoln—

I'm writing a story for our 5pm news on Administrator Pruitt's resignation. Is there any statement from him that I can include?

Thanks for your help.
Alex



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Message

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Sent: 7/5/2018 11:44:36 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: text

Many thanks.

William McGinley
Cabinet Secretary
The White House

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On Jul 5, 2018, at 6:58 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Bill, I do not have a copy of the letter. I have a copy of the text of a letter which Administrator Pruitt texted to someone else at EPA and who forwarded it to me.

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:37:03 PM
To: Fugh, Justina [Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: close out ethics briefing for the Administrator

Hi Justina-

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Kevin

Kevin S. Minoli
Principal Deputy General Counsel &
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Dear Hayley and Ryan,

Given Mr. Pruitt's resignation, I am writing to seek your assistance in ensuring that he is aware of his post-employment obligations, both under the applicable federal statutes and the Trump pledge that he signed. In addition, he must still complete his annual financial disclosure report and has an additional obligation to complete a termination report. Because of his extension of time on his annual report, he may need to file two reports instead of just one. To remind, failure to file the reports timely and accurately can lead to penalties. Typically, OGC/ethics has a meeting with the departing official so that we can go over the rules and the obligations. How do you advise we proceed in this situation? When will Mr. Pruitt be leaving?

Justina

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To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: resignation

This is the best thing to happen to the country since 2016.

I guess your life is easier now.

Corruption away!

Message

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Ethical Considerations Related to Your Transition Out of EPA

During your federal service, you have been subject to the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch as well as federal conflict of interest statutes, the STOCK (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge) Act and the Trump Ethics Pledge. Although many of these rules will no longer affect you when you leave federal service, you will still be bound by post-employment restrictions and, because you are a political appointee, you will also be bound by the Trump Ethics Pledge that you signed.

This document provides an overview of the most important ethics considerations that you need to know when you transition out of Government service. The relevant statute is 18 U.S.C. § 207, and the implementing regulations are found at 5 C.F.R. Part 2641. Having an understanding of your ethics obligations before and after Government service will help you avoid ethics pitfalls.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

1. Your ethics obligations begin when you start looking for a job

You can't participate in official matters that will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of any person or entity with whom you are seeking employment.

"Seeking employment" begins when you:

- directly or indirectly make an unsolicited communication regarding possible employment with any person or entity;
- engage in negotiations with a view toward reaching an agreement regarding possible employment;
- receive a response to a job application or employment proposal indicating an interest in employment discussions; or
- make a response, other than rejection, to an unsolicited communication from any person regarding possible employment with that person.

“Seeking employment” ends when:

- you, or the prospective employer, reject the possibility of employment and all discussions of possible employment have terminated; or
- two months have elapsed since you sent an unsolicited resume or employment proposal, and you have not received an interest in employment discussions. 5 *CFR* 2635.603(b)(2).

Example: You are contacted by an official of a State Environmental Department. In the call, he asks if you are interested in leaving EPA because they have a spot for you. You're flattered, but say that you are very happy with your job at EPA and are not interested in leaving. You add that you will remember his interest if you ever decide to leave the Government.

Answer: Because you declined the offer, you have rejected the unsolicited employment overture and have not begun seeking employment.

But just deferring discussions until the foreseeable future may not constitute rejection of an employment possibility. Here are two examples of deferring, with different results:

Example: Let's say you gave a speech to a trade association and afterwards, someone said, "Hey, have you been thinking about what you're going to do when the Trump Administration is over? My company would be very interested in someone like you." You say that you aren't thinking about anything until after January [insert whatever date], so perhaps they can contact you then.

Answer: This response will be considered a rejection.

Another Example: But let's say instead that you know your region is working on an issue that involves that very company, and you responded to the inquiry by saying you cannot discuss future employment while you are working on that issue but you would like to discuss employment with the company when the issue is resolved.

Answer: Because you have merely deferred employment discussions until the foreseeable future, you have begun "seeking employment" under the ethics regulations and now cannot work on issue that involves the company. It's not sufficient that you said you won't talk to them until after the project is over. You have to deal with the conflicts issue now.

2. Don't participate in official matters that affect anyone with whom you are seeking employment

When you are seeking employment, you can't work personally and substantially on any particular matter that affects (directly and predictably) the financial interest of the prospective employer(s). You have to be careful about particular matters of general applicability as well as particular matters involving specific parties. The interests of a prospective employer are imputed to you for the purposes of the federal criminal conflict of interest statute, 18 USC § 208.

Example: You are seeking employment with a State, so you can't work on a rulemaking that affects that State specifically or all of the States as a class. The reason is that the rulemaking (which is a particular matter) has a direct and predictable financial effect on all States, including the one with which you are seeking employment.

But you can (under a 2016 revision to the seeking employment rules) participate in a matter of general applicability:

Example: You're still waiting to hear from Smith and Jones, the environmental consulting company, regarding the application you sent in last month. You could work on a bid proposal that might be of potential interest to environmental consulting companies like Smith and Jones. You could also work on rulemaking comments sent in by other environmental consulting firms.

But once there's a nibble of interest, then the interests of a prospective employer are imputed to you for the purposes of the federal criminal conflict of interest statute, 18 USC § 208.

Example: You are seeking employment with a State, and they say that they want you to come in for an interview. Now you can't work on a rulemaking that affects that State specifically or all of the States as a class. The reason is that the rulemaking (which is a particular matter) has a direct and predictable financial effect on all States, including the one with which you are seeking employment.

The most common way to resolve conflicts issues is to disqualify – or recuse – yourself from participating in the particular matter. To disqualify from participating in a conflicting matter, you should notify the supervisor who makes assignments to you. Oral notice is sufficient, but written notice is wiser, and you should also notify anyone else who may consult with you on these matters.

The need for ***disqualification begins*** when you agree to discuss the prospect of employment with any person -- contractor, company, firm, or someone affected by your duties -- regardless of who makes the first contact. It is also triggered when you send a targeted resume to any person or entity over which you have responsibility in your official duties.

Disqualification ends when you or the prospective employer reject the possibility of employment and all discussions of employment have terminated. Disqualification will also end if you do not hear from the potential employer for two months after sending out an unsolicited resume. Two months of silence after sending out a resume is deemed rejection.

3. Don't take official records with you

Official records must remain in the custody of the Agency. Within Agency guidelines, you may

be given permission to remove extra copies of records or other work-related, non-record materials. However, copies of records that are classified or otherwise restricted (such as under the Privacy Act or subject to privilege) must be maintained in accordance with Agency requirements. You may remove personal materials, such as family and personal correspondence, but must be careful not to remove any official records. The United States government has specific authority to enforce recovery of any unlawfully removed, altered or destroyed records. Talk to your records officer.

4. Take the post employment ethics online course

See: [HYPERLINK "http://intranet.epa.gov/ogc/ethics/training.htm" \l "leavingfederalservice"]

Internet version at [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/ogc/LFS/10.html"]

ADDITIONAL THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

5. Once you begin negotiations, you have to contact OGC/Ethics

Under the STOCK Act, you are required to complete the "Notification of Negotiating or Agreement" form and submit it to OGC/Ethics within three business days of entering into agreements or commencing negotiations for future employment after EPA or compensation after EPA with a non-federal entity.

Future employment means any compensated employment that starts after you leave EPA. The notification requirement does not apply to employment or compensated activities that occur while you are still an EPA employee or if you are looking at another federal position.

Negotiation begins when you enter into two-way discussions or communications with another person that is mutually conducted with a view toward reaching an agreement regarding possible employment or compensation. As soon as you take a meaningful step toward reaching an agreement (even if not quite at the point of discussion about actual terms of employment), you have triggered the notification obligation. You have three business days to notify OGC/Ethics.

6. You will have to file a termination OGE-278e Financial Disclosure Form

You will be required to **submit a termination OGE-278e** through INTEGRITY within 30 days of your departure. We can (and will) assess a \$200 late filing fee, so if you think you need more time, you must ask OGC/Ethics for an extension BEFORE your deadline expires. We can grant two extensions of up to 45 days each, for a maximum of 90 days. Failure to file a termination OGE-278e is punishable by both criminal and civil penalties. In fact, in 2012, DOJ settled a case with a former EPA employee who did not file her termination 278. She had to turn in her form and pay a fine of \$15,000.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW AFTER YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Even after you leave federal service, you will still be subject to the criminal provisions of 18 USC § 207 and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR Part 2641. If you were a procurement official, you will be subject to the Procurement Integrity Act at 41 USC § 423(d), 48 CFR § 3.104. Some of the restrictions depend upon your current rate of pay and your type of your appointment. In addition, as a political appointee, you are subject to the Trump Ethics Pledge.

1. We answer your post employment questions

If you have a post employment question, even after leaving EPA, you may contact your regional ethics counsel or any of us in OGC/Ethics. To reach OGC/Ethics, contact us collectively at [HYPERLINK "mailto:ethics@epa.gov"] or individually as follows:

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2. Remember: you have to file a termination OGE-278e Financial Disclosure Form

You are required to submit a termination OGE-278e in INTEGRITY no later than 30 days after leaving the Agency (unless you are going to another OGE 278e filing position). The coverage period for the termination report will be from January 1, 2016 through your last day of duty (Note: if you filed a new entrant report in 2016, then your reporting period is from your start date through your departure date). We can accept your report no earlier than 15 days before your departure, provided you attest to the fact that there will be no changes. If you need more time, we can give you two 45-day extensions, but you have to ask prior to the deadline and we need to know how to reach you by email and phone. Remember, failure to file can result in a \$200 late filing fee and other penalties, including up to \$56,916 in fines and/or one year in jail.

3. Post-Employment Restrictions That Apply to All Former Employees

All former federal employees are subject to the permanent bar, the two-year bar, the one-year bar, and procurement integrity restrictions, though whether all of these restrictions apply to you will depend on the facts of your specific situation. In addition, as a political appointee, you are subject to the additional restrictions of the Trump Ethics Pledge.

Here is a brief review of the restrictions that apply to ALL former employees:

a) Permanent Bar, 18 USC § 207(a)(1):

All former employees are prohibited forever from representing a third party in an appearance before or communication to, with the intent to influence, any member of the United States government on a particular matter involving specific parties in which they participated personally and substantially while a government employee if the United States still has an interest in the matter. However, this restriction does not prohibit providing "behind the scenes" assistance (except for attorneys). And please note that, in some cases, the District of Columbia may be considered a federal entity under this provision.

If you worked on a "particular matter involving specific parties," then you can't represent another entity back to the government on that same matter. Examples of such matters include an investigation, application, request for a ruling or determination, contract, controversy, claim, charge, accusation, arrest, or judicial or other proceeding. The term does not include a rulemaking or other particular matter of general applicability, but would include a notice of intent that is specific to one chemical, for example. Even if a post-employment communication or appearance concerns the same particular matter, the representational bar does not apply unless the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest in that matter at the time of the post-employment representation.

"Personal" participation means you and includes the direction or control over a subordinate employee's participation. Your participation is considered "substantial" if your involvement at the time was of significance to the matter. This includes decision-making, review, or recommendation as to the action to be taken.

b) One-Year Bar (Trade or Treaty Negotiations), 18 USC § 207(b)

For one year after leaving Government service, a former employee may not knowingly represent, aid, or advise on the basis of covered information, any other person (except the United States) concerning any ongoing trade or treaty negotiation in which, during his last year of Government service, he participated personally and substantially as an employee.

c) Compensation in matters affecting the Government, 18 U.S.C. § 203

Under this statute, a former employee is prohibited from receiving, either directly or indirectly, any compensation for any "representational services" in connection with any particular matter in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest. Section 203 applies equally to representational services rendered by you personally or by another person

(provided that you share in the compensation for those services), and also prevents the new employer from paying you for any covered representational services that were provided at a time when you were still a Government employee. It does not matter whether or not you provided those representational services.

“Representational services” means communications to or appearances before Federal entities (not just EPA) with the intent to influence the Government on behalf of a third party. Common examples are legal and consulting services.

Example: A former EPA attorney joined Dewey, Cheatham and Howe, a prominent law firm with an extensive Federal practice. The former EPA attorney may not share in any fees attributable to representational services provided by the firm while the individual was still employed by the government. This means that his or her compensation plan may not include any actual firm profits where such profits derive in any part from covered representational services. In addition, the former EPA attorney may not receive a partnership interest that includes a share of fees generated from covered representational services rendered prior to his or her termination from Government service. Likewise, the former EPA attorney may not receive a bonus that is calculated in any part based upon the firm's receipt of such fees.

Similarly, if a former EPA employee joined “K Street Interest Group,” a grass-roots lobbying firm, the former employee would have the same restrictions as the attorney in this example.

4. Additional Post-Employment Restriction For Former Supervisors

Two Year Restriction, 18 U.S.C. § 207(a)(2)

This restriction is similar to the permanent bar, except that it applies for only two years and covers only those particular matters involving specific parties that were actually pending under your official responsibility in your last year of federal service. This restriction applies only to actual supervisors, not to team leaders. For the purposes of this restriction, it does not matter whether you worked on the particular matter personally and substantially; this restriction applies if the particular matter was pending during your last year of federal service.

Example: A Regional Administrator recused herself from participation in a contract award to a company because she owns stock in that company. Upon leaving federal service, she takes a position with that company and now wants to make representations back to the federal government on that same contract. Even though she did not work personally and substantially on the contract given her recusal, she is still barred for two years from making representations on the contractor's behalf back to the federal government.

The definition of "official responsibility" is the "direct administrative or operating authority, whether intermediate or final, and whether exercisable alone or with another, and either

personally or through subordinates, to approve, disapprove, or otherwise direct Government action." The scope of your "official responsibility" is determined by those areas assigned by statute, regulation, Executive Order, job description or delegation of authority.

For supervisors, "official responsibility" includes all particular matters under consideration in your office or within the responsibility of any of your employees who participate in the matter within the scope of their duties. For the Agency head, all matters in the Agency are deemed to be within his or her "official responsibility." For a Regional Administrator, all matters in the Region are deemed to be within "official responsibility."

5. Additional Post-Employment Restrictions For Former Senior Employees

Former senior employees are subject to the above restrictions as well as additional restrictions under 18 USC § 207(c) and (f) and, if a political appointee, also subject to the Trump Ethics Pledge. A "**senior employee**" typically includes members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) -- career and non-career -- or other individuals who are paid at a rate of basic pay, before any locality adjustment, that is equal to or greater than 86.5 percent of the rate for level II of the Executive Schedule (this figure changes every January). As of January 2018, the figure is \$164,004. In addition, all PAS appointees, irrespective of their salaries, are considered former senior officials. See 5 CFR 2641.104 and 5 USC §§ 5313-5315.¹

a) One-Year Bar on Communication with EPA, 18 USC § 207(c)

For one year after leaving federal service, former "senior employees" cannot knowingly make, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before their former agency (for us, that's EPA). This prohibition, also known as the "cooling off period," applies if the appearance is made on behalf of another person in connection with any matter in which the former senior employee seeks official action by EPA. Please note that the restriction will apply to "any" matter, which is much broader than any "particular matter involving specific parties."

Example: You leave EPA to go to work for a private company. To celebrate your joining the firm, they offer to host a welcome reception in your honor and suggest that you invite your former EPA colleagues, including the Administrator. You should not contact the Administrator's scheduler to determine when to hold the event so that she will be able to attend. That would be considered making a communication to an EPA official (the scheduler) with the intent to influence official action (the Administrator's calendar) on behalf of another (the company).

b) One-Year Bar Related to Foreign Entities, 18 USC § 207(f)

For one year after leaving federal service, former "senior employees" may not knowingly represent a foreign entity before any employee of a federal department or agency with the intent to influence a decision of such employee in carrying out his or her official duties. In addition, the former senior employee is restricted for one year from aiding or advising a foreign entity with the

¹ The statute lists the following specific EPA positions: Administrator, Deputy Administrator, Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste, Assistant Administrators, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer. For the purposes of this statute, OGC Ethics assumes that the General Counsel is included.

intent to influence a decision of any officer or employee of a federal department or agency in carrying out official duties. This restriction is not limited to one's former agency, but rather extends to all federal agencies. And, unlike other post-employment restrictions, the Department of Justice has opined that you cannot make such representations before Congress.

6. Additional Post-Employment Restrictions For Lawyers

Special Note for Lawyers (even if you didn't work at EPA as a lawyer)

Lawyers are reminded to consult their state bar rules which may differ from 18 USC § 207. Even if you were not working at EPA as an attorney, if you are admitted to practice, then you should review your bar rules. Though the federal post-employment laws permit "behind the scenes" conversations, the American Bar Association (ABA) restricts such communication. ABA Model Rule 1.11(a) permits a former government employee to represent a client in connection with a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially as a "public officer or employee" only if he first obtains consent from the appropriate government agency.

The DC Bar is even more restrictive than the ABA. DC Bar rule 1.11(a) prohibits the former employee from accepting employment in connection with a matter which is the same as, or substantially related to, a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially as a public officer or employee. Under this rule, there is no waiver possibility, and the former government lawyer is not permitted even to provide "behind the scenes" work.

For these rules to apply, you do not need to have been classified as an attorney in the government; rather, you need only to have been a government employee who is licensed to practice law. So if you are lawyer working in a non-lawyer job in a program office and decide to leave federal service, you may have additional restrictions set forth by your State bar.

If you were in an attorney position, then please remember that you will have an obligation to abide by Rule 1.9, Duties to Former Clients, and cannot "switch sides" in the same specific party matter nor reveal client secrets.

7. Additional Post-Employment Restrictions For Procurement Officials

One-Year Bar in the Procurement Integrity Act, 41 USC § 423(d) and 48 CFR § 3.104

Certain former officials cannot accept compensation from a contractor as an employee, officer, director, or consultant of the contractor within one year after serving as: (1) the procurement contracting officer; (2) the source selection authority; (3) a member of the source selection board; or (4) the chief of the financial or technical evaluation panel of a contract involving payment or claims of over \$10 million.

In order for these rules to apply, you need to have had a formal role in the process. This would include being in a position to make a recommendation or to substantially influence the selection of a contractor or the type of work to be done by the contractor.

8. Additional Post-Employment Advice for Officials Involved in Grants

If you were involved in any grant competition activities while at EPA, then you need to pay attention to post employment implications under EPA's Grants Competition Conflicts of Interest

and Competitive Advantage policies. While not strictly statutory or regulatory prohibitions, these policies ensure that EPA can preserve the integrity of its competitions. Applicants competing for EPA awards cannot have an unfair competitive advantage or even the appearance of an unfair advantage.

In considering grant applications, EPA takes into account any familial or other types of relationships with current or former EPA personnel, including those who may have had involvement in the competition while at EPA. If you were involved in certain grant activities, including but not limited to the development, review and preparation of solicitations, then you, your family members or your new employer may be constrained in competing for grants under the solicitations in which you participated.

For more information about grants conflicts of interest and competitive advantage policies, contact Bruce S. Binder, Senior Associate Director for Grants Competition, at [HYPERLINK "mailto:binder.bruce@epa.gov"].

9. Post Employment Exceptions and Waivers

There are some exceptions and waivers, but because they depend on specific sets of facts, we recommend that you confer with OGC/Ethics about your own situation. Typical exceptions include:

Acting on behalf of the US Government

Former employees can make representations back if they are carrying out official duties on behalf of the United States. For example, the post-employment restrictions do not apply to a former employee who is re-employed by the United States or is called as a witness by Congress. The restrictions do apply, however, to former employees who work for a federal contractor. That work is not deemed to be “an activity on behalf of the United States.”

Acting As An Elected Official

Former employees can make representations back to the federal government if they are carrying out their official duties as an elected official of a State or local government. Please note, however, that this exception applies only to elected officials and not to all employment of State or local governments.

Employee of A Tribe

Former employees who are employees of (not contractors) or elected or appointed officials of a tribal organization or inter-tribal consortium can represent the tribe back to the United States, provided that they submit adequate notice to the EPA Administrator and OGC/Ethics. For more information, contact OGC/Ethics.

Scientific or Technological Information or Expertise

In some instances (but not for EPA), a former employee may make communications or appearances back to the federal government solely for the purpose of furnishing scientific or technological information in accordance with procedures set forth by the agency or agencies involved. The exception does not extend to nontechnical disciplines such as law, economics or political science.

Unfortunately, at this time EPA does not have any procedures in place to apply this

exception. Therefore, to apply this exception, the Administrator would have to publish a certification in the Federal Register stating that the individual has outstanding qualifications in a scientific, technological, or other technical discipline, is acting with respect to a particular matter which requires such qualifications, and that the national interest would be served by the former employee's participation. To our knowledge, EPA has never invoked this exception.

Testimony

A former employee may give testimony under oath or make statements required to be made under penalty of perjury. Unless expert opinion testimony is given pursuant to court order, or he is called as a witness by the United States, a former employee may not provide such testimony on a matter on behalf of any other person except the United States or Congress if he is subject to the lifetime prohibition contained in 18 USC §207(a)(1).

Additional Exceptions for Former "Senior Officials"

Former "senior officials" are bound by the one year cooling-off period with EPA (under the statute). Notwithstanding this cooling-off period with the Agency, you can communicate with or make an appearance before EPA in the following instances. Remember, though, that these exceptions do not apply to the permanent bar or to the two-year cooling off bar for specific party matters pending in your area of responsibility!

As an employee of a state, local government or hospital

A former senior employee may contact EPA on a new matter in order to carry out official duties as an employee of an agency or instrumentality of a State or local government, an accredited degree-granting institution of higher learning, or an approved hospital or medical research organization. 5 CFR 2641.301(c)

Imparting Special Knowledge.

A former senior employee may make a statement that is based on his or her own special knowledge in the particular area that is the subject of the statement, provided that no compensation is received for making the statement. 5 CFR 2641.301(d)

Political Parties and Campaign Committees

A former senior employee can make communications or appearances solely on behalf of a candidate in his or her capacity as a candidate, an authorized committee, a national committee, a national Federal campaign committee, a State committee, or a political party. 18 U.S.C. §207(j)(7)(A) and 5 CFR 2641.301(g).

The exception does not apply if, at the time of the communication or appearance, the former senior employee is working for a person or entity other than: (a) a candidate, an authorized committee, a national committee, a national Federal campaign committee, a State committee, or a political party; or (b) a person or entity who represents, aids, or advises only such persons or entities. 18 U.S.C. §207(j)(7)(B) and 5 CFR 2641.301(g).

Post-Employment Restrictions of the Trump Ethics Pledge
OGC/Ethics Summary
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Restrictions related to “lobbying activities”

Under Paragraph 1 of the Trump Ethics Pledge, political appointees cannot engage in lobbying activities with respect to *EPA* for five years. And pursuant to Paragraph 3, appointees cannot engage in lobbying activities with respect to any covered executive branch official¹ or non-career SES appointee for the remainder of the Administration.

	Paragraph 1	Paragraph 3
Basic Prohibition	I will not, within 5 years after the termination of my employment as an appointee in any executive agency in which I am appointed to serve, engage in lobbying activities with respect to that agency.	In addition to abiding by the limitations of paragraphs 1 and 2, I also agree, upon leaving Government service, not to engage in lobbying activities with respect to any covered executive branch official or non-career Senior Executive Service appointee for the remainder of the Administration.
Length of Restriction	5 years	Remainder of the Administration
Commencement of Restriction	Termination of employment as an appointee	Termination of government service
With Whom Appointees are Restricted	Covered executive branch officials at the former appointee’s former agency (“with respect to that agency”)	Covered executive branch officials throughout the executive branch; Non-career senior executive service appointees throughout the entire executive branch

Section 2(n) of Executive Order 13770 states that “lobbying activities” has “the same meaning as that term has in the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA), except that the term does not include communicating or appearing with regard to: a judicial proceeding; a criminal or civil law enforcement inquiry, investigation, or proceeding; or any agency process for rulemaking, adjudication, or licensing, as defined in and governed by the Administrative Procedures Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*”

OGE Legal Advisory [[HYPERLINK](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge/nsf/0/CE52BD5FD1149C85852580EA005E039A/$FILE/LA-17-03.pdf) "https://www.oge.gov/web/oge/nsf/0/CE52BD5FD1149C85852580EA005E039A/\$FILE/LA-17-03.pdf"] discusses how E.O. 13770 relies partly on the definition of “lobbying activities” found in the LDA, which defines this term to include both “lobbying contacts” and behind-the-scenes efforts in support of such

¹ For the purposes of E.O. 13770, “covered executive branch official” means: the President; the Vice President; any official in the Executive Office of the President; any Executive Schedule official (EL I-V); any uniformed officer at pay grade O- 7 or above; and any officer or employee serving in a position of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character....”, including Schedule C employees. 2 U.S.C. § 1602(3). See E.O. 13770, sec. 2(c).

contacts.² “Lobbying contacts” are limited to written or oral communications with covered officials that are made on behalf of a client.³ The term “client” means any person or entity that employs or retains another person for financial or other compensation to conduct lobbying activities on behalf of that person or entity.⁴

OGE notes in [HYPERLINK "https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/0/CE52BD5FD1149C85852580EA005E039A/\$FILE/LA-17-03.pdf"] that the LDA’s definition of “lobbying contacts” is limited to certain types of communications and excludes 19 types of communications.⁵ For example, the definition excludes “a request for a meeting, a request for the status of an action, or any other similar administrative request, if the request does not include an attempt to influence a covered executive branch official.”⁶ Also, Section 2(n) of E.O. 13770 specifically excludes additional types of communications, including any agency process for rulemaking, adjudication or licensing. Therefore, it appears that former political appointees could lobby their former agency or covered officials on these types of matters.

For purposes of the Pledge, [HYPERLINK "https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/0/CE52BD5FD1149C85852580EA005E039A/\$FILE/LA-17-03.pdf"] states that “lobbying activities” includes the following:

- (a) any oral or written communication to a covered executive branch official or non-career Senior Executive Service appointee; or
- (b) efforts that are intended, at the time of performance, to support a covered lobbying contact to such person.

It is important to note that “lobbying activities” is a broad term that covers not just actual lobbying contacts that may trigger lobbyist registration under the LDA, but it also includes behind-the-scenes activity such as background preparation and strategic advice. Thus, these restrictions reach those individuals who are engaged in activities requiring lobbyist registration as well as other activities by non-registered lobbyists. OGE also highlights in [HYPERLINK "https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/0/CE52BD5FD1149C85852580EA005E039A/\$FILE/LA-17-03.pdf"] that an activity is considered a “lobbying activity” whether or not a former appointee is required to register as a lobbyist. Therefore, there is no minimum requirement to engage in lobbying activities before the restrictions apply (i.e., no 20% service threshold). To date, OGE has issued no other guidance on these lobbying restrictions.

² The term “lobbying activities” means “lobbying contacts and efforts in support of such contacts, including preparation and planning activities, research and other background work that is intended, at the time, for use in contacts, and coordination with the lobbying activities of others.” 2 U.S.C. § 1602(7).

³ 2 U.S.C. § 1602(8)(A).

⁴ 2 U.S.C. § 1602(2).

⁵ See 2 U.S.C. § 1602(8)(B)(i)-(xix) for the 19 exemptions.

⁶ 2 U.S.C. § 1602(8)(B)(v).

Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and FARA covered activities

Paragraph 4 prohibits political appointees, upon leaving government, from working for any foreign government⁷ or foreign political party⁸ that would require registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).⁹ Note that this provision appears to be a lifetime ban and restricts appointees from engaging in any activity that would require them to register under FARA.

FARA is a complicated, ambiguous statute and OGC/Ethics is by no means an expert on what constitutes a FARA covered activity. What triggers registration under FARA is highly fact dependent and requires each former political appointee to carefully examine the nature of his/her work for a foreign government or a foreign political party. That being said, OGC/Ethics has provided a brief summary below of FARA, its definitions, activities, and exemptions, to better assist you with your determination of whether an activity requires registration under FARA.

FARA requires individuals acting within the United States as agents of “foreign principals” to register and file certain reports with DOJ.¹⁰ The term “agent of a foreign principal” means:

any person who acts as an agent, representative, employee, or servant, or any person who acts in any other capacity at the order, request, or under the direction or control, of a foreign principal or of a person any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign principal, and who directly or through any other person – (i) engages within the United States in political activities for or in the interests of such foreign principal; (ii) acts within the United States as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, information-service employee or political consultant for or in the interests of such foreign principal; (iii) within the United States solicits, collects, disburses, or dispenses contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for or in the interest of such

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⁸ “Foreign political party” has the same meaning as that term has in section 1(f) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611(f). E.O. 13770, Section 2(h).

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¹¹ 22 U.S.C. § 611(c).

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¹⁴ 22 U.S.C. § 611(p).

¹⁵ See 22 U.S.C. §§ 613(a)-(h).

¹⁶ 22 U.S.C. §§ 613(d) and (e).

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One year cooling-off period with EPA

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¹⁷ 22 U.S.C. § 613(g).

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CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: Heartland Institute President's Statement on Andrew Wheeler Taking Helm at EPA

Thank you sir!

On Jul 6, 2018, at 7:11 PM, Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org> wrote:

Here you go. Also at link below.

<https://www.heartland.org/news-opinion/news/press-release-heartland-institute-presidents-statement-on-andrew-wheeler-taking-helm-at-epa>

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Heartland Institute President's Statement on Andrew Wheeler Taking Helm at EPA

Scott Pruitt resigned as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator on Thursday and today was his last day in the position. Andrew Wheeler, the current deputy administrator, takes over as "acting administrator" on Monday, July 9.

The following statement from Tim Huelskamp, Ph.D., president of The Heartland Institute, may be used for attribution. To book a Heartland guest on your program, please contact Director of Communications Jim Lakely at media@heartland.org and 312/377-4000 or (cell) 312/731-9364.

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“With his resume of commitment to the cause of common sense policymaking, Andrew Wheeler is an excellent choice to run the EPA, and we are excited to work with him.

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“We wish Mr. Wheeler luck, because his success at the head of the EPA will be good news for all Americans who care about the environment, sound science, and economic growth, especially President Donald Trump.”

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Dr. Huelskamp represented Kansas’ 1st District in the House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017.

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Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

-----Original Message-----

From: Walters, Lindsay E. EOP/WHO [mailto:**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject:

Hi John, can you please give me a call **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Sent from my iPhone

From: Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]
Sent: 7/6/2018 12:39:53 AM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Ex-Coal and Energy Lobbyist Named Acting EPA Chief - WSJ

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/ex-coal-and-energy-lobbyist-named-acting-epa-chief-1530827214?redirect=amp#click=https://t.co/kpQSIAE2Ez>

Ex-Coal and Energy Lobbyist Named Acting EPA Chief

Andrew Wheeler's elevation from deputy administrator isn't likely to bring big policy changes

Rebecca Ballhaus Updated July 5, 2018 7:17 p.m. ET



Andrew Wheeler, former deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, was named Thursday as acting administrator by President Trump. Photo: Alex Edelman/CNP/Zuma Press

By
Rebecca Ballhaus

WASHINGTON—The new acting administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is a former coal and energy lobbyist who has expressed skepticism about the human impact on climate change.

President Donald Trump on Thursday named EPA deputy chief Andrew Wheeler to temporarily lead the agency after accepting the resignation of Scott Pruitt, who left amid a series of allegations over ethics and spending.

“I have no doubt that Andy will continue on with our great and lasting EPA agenda,” Mr. Trump tweeted. “We have made tremendous progress and the future of the EPA is very bright!”

Mr. Wheeler’s elevation from deputy administrator, which was criticized by environmental groups, isn’t likely to bring big changes in policy at the EPA. Mr. Pruitt sought to roll back a number of Obama administration-era regulations, including water and air rules that affect energy producers, farmers and auto makers, among many others.

Republicans have said Mr. Wheeler was well qualified and noted that he had the support of business groups, which pointed to his work for more than a decade on environmental and natural-resources policy on Capitol Hill. Three Democrats joined the Republicans in voting for his confirmation to the deputy post in April.

Mr. Pruitt also worked to reduce the agency’s oversight powers, including removing its ability to block permits issued to mining, real estate and other developers to dump waste into waterways.

Federal lobbying records show Mr. Wheeler has represented energy companies including Xcel Energy Inc., Energy Fuels Resources Inc. and Murray Energy Corp., a coal producer that waged many legal battles against the EPA under former President Barack Obama. The company’s CEO, Bob Murray, was a top backer of Mr. Trump during the 2016 election.

Mr. Wheeler filed his last lobbying disclosures in the summer of 2017, about two months before he was appointed deputy EPA administrator. Among the government entities Mr. Wheeler lobbied: the EPA.

Previously, Mr. Wheeler served as a top adviser to Sen. James Inhofe (R., Okla.), who then headed the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. In that role, Mr. Wheeler worked on energy legislation and Clean Air Act issues.

He was also a civil-service employee at the EPA, where he served as a special assistant in the Pollution Prevention and Toxics office, according to his biography on the agency's website.

Mr. Wheeler was confirmed to his post by a vote of 53-45. Environmental groups and many Democrats had criticized the nomination, pointing to Mr. Wheeler's lobbying for the coal industry and, in particular, his work for Murray Energy.

Mr. Wheeler had been co-leader of the energy and natural-resources practice at the Faegre Baker Daniels law firm since 2009. Before that he spent six years in different roles on the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Mr. Wheeler is one of a handful of potential or current Trump administration officials with connections to Mr. Inhofe, Washington's most outspoken skeptic of the scientific consensus that human activity is a driving cause of climate change. Mr. Inhofe once threw a snowball on the Senate floor to illustrate his skepticism about climate change.

Mr. Wheeler, asked at his confirmation hearing about the relationship between human activity and temperature changes on the planet, said: "I believe man has an impact on the climate but what is not completely understood is what the impact is."

Environmental groups on Thursday criticized Mr. Wheeler's elevation.

"Andrew Wheeler is equally unqualified to serve as the nation's chief environmental steward," Ana Unruh Cohen, managing director for government affairs at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement. "Like Pruitt, this veteran coal lobbyist has shown only disdain for the EPA's vital mission to protect Americans' health and our environment. Make no mistake: We'll fight Wheeler's pollution agenda with the same vigor as we did Pruitt's."

Mr. Wheeler will take over an embattled EPA that has seen an exodus of staffers in recent months amid allegations about Mr. Pruitt's ethics, including his travel practices and security costs, personnel moves at the agency, claims about his use of subordinates' time to complete personal errands for him as well as to seek business opportunities for his wife, including as a Chick-fil-A franchisee. He also drew scrutiny after he obtained rental housing connected to a Washington lobbyist.

Write to Rebecca Ballhaus at Rebecca.Ballhaus@wsj.com

Message

From: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena [Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 10:17:27 PM
To: Leopold, Matt (OGC) [Leopold.Matt@epa.gov]
CC: Packard, Elise [Packard.Elise@epa.gov]; Smith, Chris-L [Smith.Chris-L@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Security and Transition

Got it and appreciate the information.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Administrator
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (mobile)
wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov

On Jul 5, 2018, at 6:14 PM, Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Based on his resignation letter, the effective date is July 6. Thus, he is able to get protection until 11:59 on the 6th. I spoke with Hayley and she will let us know if he will be coming in tomorrow.

Andrew Wheeler will be Acting Administrator at the time which the vacancy is created, 12:00 am July 7.

Matt

From: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>
Cc: Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>; Smith, Chris-L <Smith.Chris-L@epa.gov>
Subject: Security and Transition

Matt-

Apologies for disturbing you as I know you are extremely busy but I have been asked a few questions regarding transition and security for SP.

1. Does the detail relinquish protection of SP on Sunday midnight or tomorrow? It's unclear the effective time of his resignation.
2. According to the protection detail SP is thinking about coming to the office tomorrow. Should Haley Ford facilitate the moving of his personal items? FYI - news crews are outside of SP's residence.

Appreciate your help.

Helena

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Sent: 7/6/2018 12:21:29 PM
To: Moran, John S. EOP/WHO **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Subject: Re: VRA Issue

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2018, at 6:53 AM, Moran, John S. EOP/WHO <**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**> wrote:

Matt,

To follow up on our conversation yesterday, I wanted to confirm our view that **Ex. 5 AC/DP**

Ex. 5 AC/DP

Regards,

John S. Moran
Associate Counsel to the President

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (w)
(c)

Message

From: Zack Colman [zcolman@eenews.net]
Sent: 7/6/2018 4:16:17 PM
To: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Conversation

On a deeper level, also talking to lawyers to see what these ongoing investigations Pruitt is leaving behind will do to staff who have been implicated/involved. Thought it might be worth bringing up with you as a heads up at the very least. Not sure how deeply that would involve your office

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2018, at 11:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Troy,

Thought I'd try this rather than Twitter. Doing a story on the people who are likely staying on under Andy. I'd appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes on the phone. Someone had told me your office would probably see more action going forward. I'm on a flight at 12:45 p but land around 2:15. You can catch me any time aside from that block at Ex. 6 I'd really appreciate it.

Thanks,
Zack
Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Wemple, Erik [Erik.Wemple@washpost.com]
Sent: 7/6/2018 6:06:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Inquiry from Washington Post

Hi Jahan: Just checking in to see how the administrator's resignation affects your role at the EPA in any way. Do you have a moment to chat? I am at Ex. 6 and thanks for any consideration.

Message

From: Abramson, Alana - Time U.S. [Alana.Abramson@time.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:41:53 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Pruitt resignation - successor question//TIME Magazine

Hi

I'm a reporter with TIME Magazine – I have a question about Pruitt's successor. Does Mr. Wheeler automatically become the head of the EPA (not acting) or would he need to be confirmed by the Senate? Would the President have to nominate him as the next head for that to happen?

Thanks,
Alana

Alana Abramson
Reporter, TIME Magazine
212-522-7165 (W)
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@a Abramson

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From: Jillian Melchior [jillian.melchior@wsj.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:36:17 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thanks, Jahan. **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** would you like me to pass this along to my colleagues?

Are you staying on?

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 3:14 PM Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Jillian Kay Melchior
Editorial Page Writer
The Wall Street Journal

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Message

From: Brody, David [David.Brody@cbn.org]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:37:49 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thank you!

Can he call me?

Sent from my iPhone

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Message

From: Miller, Zeke [ZMiller@ap.org]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:05:02 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: resignation letter?

Can you forward the administrator's letter?

Thanks

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Zeke Miller
White House Reporter
Associated Press
zmiller@ap.org

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From: Roberts, John [John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:18:51 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Nice job getting this!

And now....you are.....free.....

John Roberts
Chief White House Correspondent
Fox News Channel
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Ex. 6 mobile
@JohnRobertsFox

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Roberts, John <John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Nice job getting this!

AWESOME!!!

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Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Nice job getting this!

Scott texted it to me..

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Message

From: Hughes, Jillian [HughesJ@cbsnews.com]
Sent: 7/6/2018 4:26:38 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Sorry to bug you again – do you know if he’s doing any interviews? I imagine no?

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 3:42 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

Jahan —

Seeing the news about the administrator resigning. If he has an interest in doing an exit interview, we would love to have him join us on Face The Nation on Sunday.

Many thanks,
Jillian

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2018, at 2:22 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

No worries. This weekend will not work.

On May 31, 2018, at 11:46 AM, Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

I’m sure you’re getting sick of me bugging, but just checking in. Would love to have the Administrator on anytime.

Best,
Jillian

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Hi Jahan —

Any chance the Administrator might be willing to come on this weekend?

Or sometime in the next few weeks? We’re looking for some big guests the next three weeks and he’s at the top of our list. Would love to get something on the calendar if possible!

Best,
Jillian

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Got it – thank you. I'll keep checking in on occasion. Thanks Jahan.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Adding Caitlin too. We are going to decline.

Off-the-record, I have made it known to Administrator Pruitt that his next interview should be with CBS and have personally brought this to him. That said what, how and when he decides is up to him.

From: Hughes, Jillian [<mailto:HughesJ@cbsnews.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Checking in for this week – any chance the Administrator would come on to chat with Margaret? In studio or remote?

If not, no problem, I'll keep checking in.

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

Got it — we'll stay in touch. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 2:09 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Round two is starting soon. We will decline this but we do want to do something with CBS at some point and I have told Scott Pruitt this too.

From: Hughes, Jillian [<mailto:HughesJ@cbsnews.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:44 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

Jahan —

Now that his testimony has ended, checking in on this request again!

Many thanks,
Jillian

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 12:18 PM, Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Jahan —

In light of the Administrator's testimony tomorrow, I wanted to reach out to see if he might be willing to come on Face The Nation this weekend.

When Margaret had lunch with the Administrator a few weeks back, he expressed a desire to do the show soon. Any chance he'd be willing to sit down with her on Sunday?

Many thanks for considering,
Jillian

Jillian B. Hughes
Producer, Face The Nation

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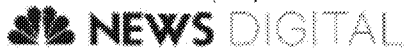
Message

From: Clark, Dartunorro (NBCUniversal) [Dartunorro.Clark@nbcuni.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 10:21:37 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Jahan.Wilcox@epa.gov
Subject: Pruitt

Hi Mr. Wilcox,

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC News to get comment on environmental group's assailing the legacy of Scott Pruitt following his resignation. If the agency has a response to the accusation that Pruitt was bad for the environment, please feel free to send me a statement to this email address. Thanks!

Dartunorro Clark | Reporter



O: 212-664-7524

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Message

From: Amy Harder [amy@axios.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 7:59:24 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: can you send resignation letter?

thanks!

Message

From: Daniel Cooney [DCooney@newshour.org]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:31:45 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

Thank you very much, Jahan.

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Daniel Cooney <DCooney@newshour.org>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

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Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

From: Daniel Cooney [mailto:DCooney@newshour.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: PBS NewsHour inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter

Good afternoon – Dan Cooney here from the PBS NewsHour.

I am inquiring about Scott Pruitt's resignation letter to the president. I am seeing several tweets with the letter included and I want to make sure we are providing accurate information. Would I be able to get a copy of the letter?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Dan Cooney

Social Media Editor

PBS NewsHour

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Message

From: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net]
Sent: 7/5/2018 6:14:44 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: process question

Jahan, I'm hoping you'll indulge (on background) a speculative question to inform potential reporting about Administrator Pruitt's eventual departure from the EPA, even if it's two or more years from now.

Assuming Andrew Wheeler is still the deputy administrator at the time, would he *automatically* become the acting administrator? (There's some debate about whether that's automatic). Or is there any possibility someone else would be designated?

Thanks,
Jen.

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Message

From: Ex. 6
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:15:25 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: resignation

This is the best thing to happen to the country since 2016.

I guess your life is easier now.

Lucky you.

Message

From: Haberman, Maggie [maggie.haberman@nytimes.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:15:26 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

hit me on google

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Your Faithful Friend,

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Maggie Haberman

New York Times

@maggienyt

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Amy Harder [amy@axios.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:15:20 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: mike@axios.com; Jonathan Swan [jonathan@axios.com]
Subject: Re:

Thank you, Jahan. Has Pruitt told EPA employees? If not yet, do you know when he will?

Amy

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Message

From: Timothy Cama [tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:28:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Miranda Green [mgreen@thehill.com]
Subject: Re:

Got it, thanks.

You sticking around, Jahan?

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer
The Hill

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Secure: timothy.cama@protonmail.com

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Scott Pruitt

Message

From: Diamond, Jeremy [Jeremy.Diamond@cnn.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:27:24 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Pruitt resignation letter?

Hey - Sure you're getting swamped by email, so putting this one at the top of your inbox. Could you shoot over the resignation letter?

Thanks much -

Jeremy Diamond
CNN White House Reporter
[@JDiamond1](#)

C: Ex. 6

From: Diamond, Jeremy
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:54:09 PM
To: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov
Subject: Pruitt resignation letter?

Hey Jahan -- Seeing one circulating. Could you send over to me if you have it?

Thanks much -

Jeremy Diamond
CNN White House Reporter
[@JDiamond1](#)

C: Ex. 6

Message

From: Mason, Jeff (Reuters) [Jeff.Mason@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:37:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: resignation letter

Hey Jahan, could you forward me Administrator Pruitt's resignation letter please?

Jeff Mason
White House Correspondent
Reuters

Mobile: Ex. 6
Office: +1 202 898 8392

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Message

From: pstarr@breitbart.com [pstarr@breitbart.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:24:57 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

So sorry to hear. Do you have any info on Wheeler that you can share with me?

Thanks.

Penny

-----Original Message-----

From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:11pm

To: "smoran@breitbart.com" <smoran@breitbart.com>, "pstarr@breitbart.com" <pstarr@breitbart.com>, "Matthew Boyle Breitbart" <mboyle@breitbart.com>

Subject:

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Message

From: Press Releases from Iowa Governor's Office [IowaGovernorsOffice@public.govdelivery.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:05:44 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RELEASE: Gov. Reynolds issues statement on EPA Administrator Pruitt's resignation

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Governor Kim Reynolds ★ Lt. Governor Adam Gregg

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, July 5, 2018
CONTACT: Brenna Smith, (515) 281-5211

Gov. Reynolds issues statement on EPA Administrator Pruitt's resignation

(DES MOINES) – Gov. Kim Reynolds issued the following statement Thursday following news of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's resignation:

"Today's resignation from Administrator Pruitt must result in new EPA leadership that will honor the president's commitment to the Renewable Fuel Standard.

"I will continue to fight for a robust Renewable Fuel Standard by working with our federal delegation in Washington, D.C., to hold the administration to this promise. Iowa farmers deserve nothing less."

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Message

From: Eilperin, Juliet [Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:13:20 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Dennis, Brady [Brady.Dennis@washpost.com]; Hohmann, James [James.Hohmann@washpost.com]
CC: Dawsey, Joshua [josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Subject: RE:

Thanks so much, Jahan.
Best, Juliet

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; Hohmann, James <James.Hohmann@washpost.com>
Subject:

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Message

From: Alba, Monica (NBCUniversal) [Monica.Alba@nbcuni.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 7:52:42 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Pruitt resignation letter?

Hi Jahan – sorry to bug on this. Wanted to see if you can pass along Pruitt’s resignation letter please? Thanks so much

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Monica Alba
NBC News
White House Producer

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: King, Ledge [lsrking@gannett.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:12:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thanks. So wheeler is acting then?

Sent from my iPhone

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Message

From: Tim Puko [tim.puko@wsj.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:25:42 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thanks, man. You ok?

And are we still on w Andrew for next week?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 4:14 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Message

From: Kevin Bogardus [kbogardus@eenews.net]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:25:23 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Got it. Thanks, Jahan. Appreciate it.

Kevin Bogardus

E&E News Reporter

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From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 4:22 PM

To: Kevin Bogardus

Subject:

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Message

From: Valdmanis, Richard J. (Reuters) [Richard.Valdmanis@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:12:16 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: do you have a statement on pruit's resignation?

Message

From: Andrew Rafferty [andrew.rafferty@newsy.com]
Sent: 7/6/2018 11:59:32 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

thanks for this.
everything OK with you? sticking around EPA for a bit?

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Message

From: Collins, Kaitlan [Kaitlan.Collins@cnn.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:07:05 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Hi

Can you send me the Pruitt letter please?

Message

From: Michael Bastasch [mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:20:47 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

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Michael Bastasch

Daily Caller News Foundation



Message

From: Michael Warren [mwarren@weeklystandard.com]
Sent: 7/5/2018 8:47:32 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thanks. What are you going to do? Stay at EPA?

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Michael Warren
Senior Writer

The Weekly Standard

202-496-3357

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:37:26 PM
To: Smith, Abby [asmith@bloombergenvironment.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:20:45 PM
To: Brody, David [David.Brody@cbn.org]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:36:04 PM
To: Jennifer Ludden [JLudden@npr.org]
Subject: RE: Pruitt resignation letter --

See below for text of the resignation letter Administrator Scott Pruitt sent to President Donald Trump:

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From: Jennifer Ludden [mailto:JLudden@npr.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt resignation letter --

Hi there – Can you please share Administrator Pruitt's resignation letter?

Many thanks,

Jennifer

Message

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Sent: 7/5/2018 10:06:19 PM
To: Krawchenko, Katiana [KrawchenkoK@cbsnews.com]
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From: Krawchenko, Katiana [mailto:KrawchenkoK@cbsnews.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Resignation letter

Hey Jahan - could you pls pass along the administrators resignation letter to CBS? Thanks

Katiana Krawchenko

CBS News

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:17:11 PM
To: Miranda Green [mgreen@thehill.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 10:04:12 PM
To: Ex. 6 barbaro@nytimes.com
Subject: Loved doing your interview!!

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Sent: 7/5/2018 10:00:59 PM
To: Diaz, Kevin [Kevin.Diaz@chron.com]
Subject: RE:

Of course. Huge fan of your work and was very happy that we could get you in for an interview. Have a great weekend!

From: Diaz, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Diaz@chron.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thanks for sharing, Jahan.
Good luck to you. Please let me know where you land, whether it's still at EPA or somewhere else.
Best,
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From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:59:12 PM
To: Jeff.Mason@thomsonreuters.com
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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:15:50 PM
To: Justin Wingerter [JWingerter@oklahoman.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:15:01 PM
To: Paul Bedard [pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:14:37 PM
To: Roberts, John [John.roberts@FOXNEWS.COM]
Subject: Nice job getting this!

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:14:13 PM
To: Strassel, Kim [kim.strassel@wsj.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:26:28 PM
To: Timothy Cama [tcama@thehill.com]; Miranda Green [mgreen@thehill.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:12:35 PM
To: mike@axios.com; Jonathan Swan [jonathan@axios.com]; Amy Harder [amy@axios.com]

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To: chuck.todd@nbcuni.com

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To: Alana Austin [alana.austin@gray.tv]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
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Your Faithful Friend,
Scott Pruitt

From: Alana Austin [mailto:alana.austin@gray.tv]
Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:41 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt statement

Good afternoon,

This is Alana Austin with the Gray Television Washington News Bureau. We are tracking the resignation of Administrator Pruitt. We're reaching out to see whether you could send us his statement about this...also, will pending/ongoing ethics reviews into Administrator Pruitt be continuing past his departure?

Thank you,
Alana

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:23:32 PM
To: Chuck Raasch [CRAasch@post-dispatch.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:23:21 PM
To: Diaz, Kevin [Kevin.Diaz@chron.com]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 8:22:55 PM
To: Kevin Bogardus [kbogardus@eenews.net]

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Sent: 7/5/2018 7:46:58 PM
To: Hughes, Jillian [HughesJ@cbsnews.com]
Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

I will let him know. Thank you.

On Jul 5, 2018, at 3:42 PM, Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Jahan —

Seeing the news about the administrator resigning. If he has an interest in doing an exit interview, we would love to have him join us on Face The Nation on Sunday.

Many thanks,
Jillian

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2018, at 2:22 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

No worries. This weekend will not work.

On May 31, 2018, at 11:46 AM, Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

I'm sure you're getting sick of me bugging, but just checking in. Would love to have the Administrator on anytime.

Best,
Jillian

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Hi Jahan —

Any chance the Administrator might be willing to come on this weekend?

Or sometime in the next few weeks? We're looking for some big guests the next three weeks and he's at the top of our list. Would love to get something on the calendar if possible!

Best,
Jillian

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Got it – thank you. I'll keep checking in on occasion. Thanks Jahan.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>; Conant, Caitlin <ConantC@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Adding Caitlin too. We are going to decline.

Off-the-record, I have made it known to Administrator Pruitt that his next interview should be with CBS and have personally brought this to him. That said what, how and when he decides is up to him.

From: Hughes, Jillian [<mailto:HughesJ@cbsnews.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Face The Nation Request

Checking in for this week – any chance the Administrator would come on to chat with Margaret? In studio or remote?

If not, no problem, I'll keep checking in.

From: Hughes, Jillian
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

Got it — we'll stay in touch. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 2:09 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Round two is starting soon. We will decline this but we do want to do something with CBS at some point and I have told Scott Pruitt this too.

From: Hughes, Jillian [<mailto:HughesJ@cbsnews.com>]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:44 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Cc: Alemany, Jacqueline <AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com>

Subject: Re: Face The Nation Request

Jahan —

Now that his testimony has ended, checking in on this request again!

Many thanks,
Jillian

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 12:18 PM, Hughes, Jillian
<HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Jahan —

In light of the Administrator's testimony tomorrow, I wanted to reach out to see if he might be willing to come on Face The Nation this weekend.

When Margaret had lunch with the Administrator a few weeks back, he expressed a desire to do the show soon. Any chance he'd be willing to sit down with her on Sunday?

Many thanks for considering,
Jillian

Jillian B. Hughes
Producer, Face The Nation

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

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on behalf of American Energy Alliance [info@americanenergyalliance.org]
Sent: 7/6/2018 12:53:35 PM
To: Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]
Subject: Full steam ahead

Full steam ahead

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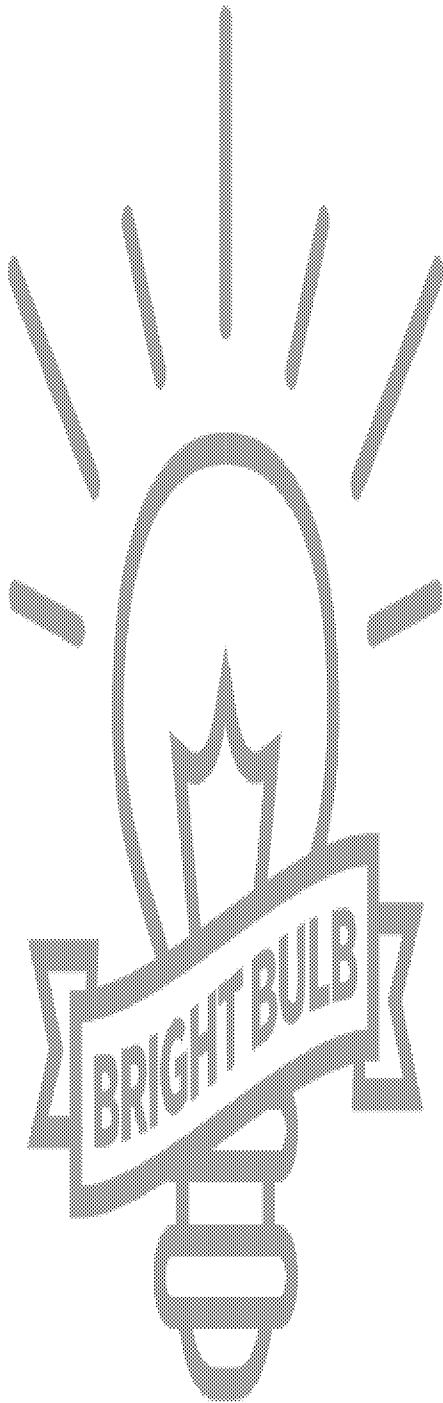
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Looking ahead

The Hill (7/5/18) reports: "The incoming head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) told staff he's 'humbled and honored' to be taking charge of the agency after embattled Administrator Scott Pruitt resigned. Andrew Wheeler, the EPA's deputy administrator since April, will become acting administrator starting Monday after Pruitt leaves Friday. In a brief email to the agency's employees late Thursday after Trump announced Pruitt's departure, Wheeler thanked Pruitt 'for his service and leadership. I am both humbled and honored to take on this new responsibility at the same agency where I started my career over 25 years ago,' Wheeler wrote in the email obtained by The Hill."



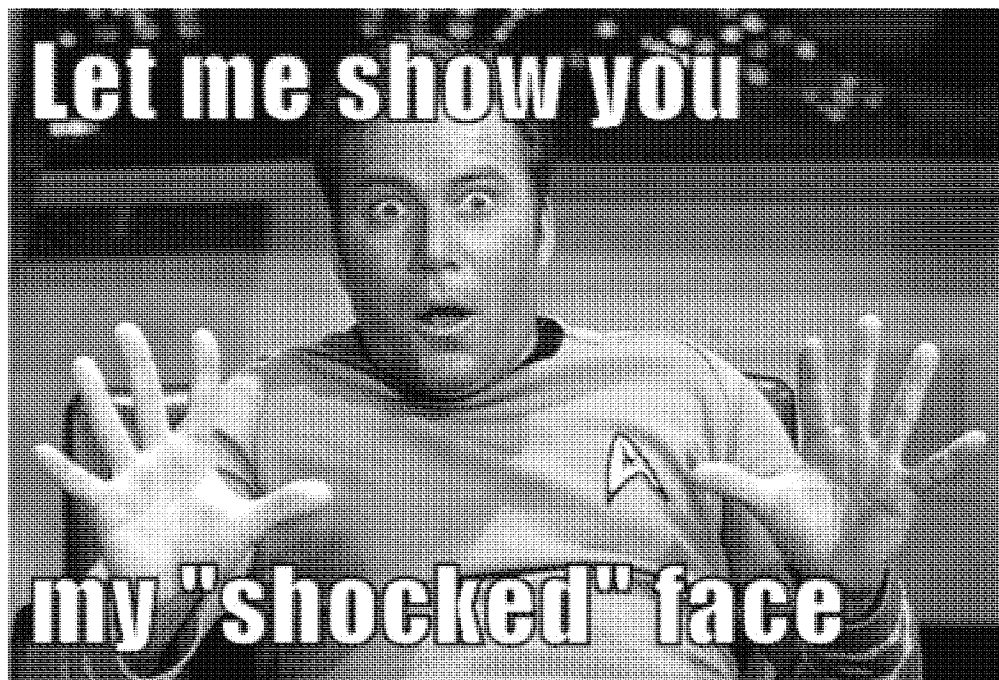


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– Thomas Pyle, AEA President

No shocker there

The Daily Caller (7/6/18) reports: "China's much vaunted plan to fight global warming with a cap-and-trade system doesn't seem to be living up to the hype. China announced its plan for a carbon dioxide emissions trading market in December 2017 as part of its commitment to the Paris Agreement, but the government released almost no details about the plan... Europe's cap-and-trade program failed to make much of a dent in emissions trajectories because officials issued too many permits, which drove prices down. China seems to be moving forward with similar policies."



Not all forms of energy are created equal

Inside Sources (7/5/18) reports: "In Oklahoma, energy subsidies are again under debate at the state capitol, where the state's Corporation Commission has spent several days weighing a proposed wind energy project that could, in theory, bring billions of dollars of investment to the state, but also risks costing the state millions in subsidy money. The Wind Catcher Energy Connection project would bring 2,000 megawatts of new wind energy to customers in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The power would also come with a hefty, \$4.5 billion price tag. Energy is important business in Oklahoma, where fees and taxes on the oil and gas industries provide much of the state's revenues. Ironically, given Oklahoma's state finances, fossil fuels could quite literally end up paying for green energy."

Another day, another scare tactic

Washington Examiner (7/5/18) reports: "President Trump's push to save coal-fired power plants would put miners back to work, but it would also cause more premature deaths that could cancel out those benefits, according to a new study by environmental economists. Resources for the Future issued the study Thursday focused on the effects of the Trump administration's proposal on emissions, mortality from those emissions, and coal mine jobs. 'Our simulation results indicate that, each year, one American would die from air pollution for

every 2 to 4.5 coal mining jobs supported by the policy,' according to the authors of the study, Daniel Shawhan and Paul Picciano."

Whoops

Korea Times (7/6/18) reports: "Solar power plants installed on mountains are causing landslides. Experts say that the government should slow down transition to renewable energies since they also are showing side effects such as environmental problems on top of inefficiency. The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy announced Thursday that it will inspect solar power plants installed on mountains around the country, jointly with the Korea Forest Service. It will also ask 28,688 solar panel operators to inspect their facilities and report any irregularities."



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Tom Pyle, American Energy Alliance

Myron Ebell, Americans for Competitive Enterprise, Competitive Enterprise Institute

Phil Kerpen, American Commitment

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Andrew Quinlan, Center for Freedom and Prosperity

Tim Phillips, Americans for Prosperity

Joe Bast, Heartland Institute

David Ridenour, National Center for Public Policy Research

Michael Needham, Heritage Action for America

Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform

Sabrina Schaeffer, Independent Women's Forum

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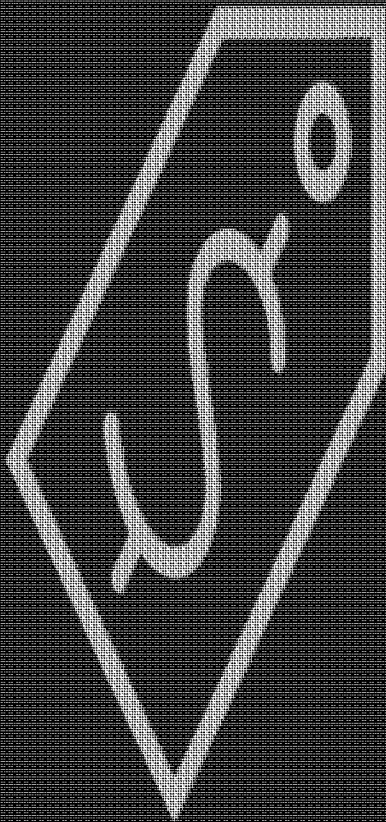
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Jack Ekstrom, PolicyWorks America




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Natural Gas: ↓ \$2.84
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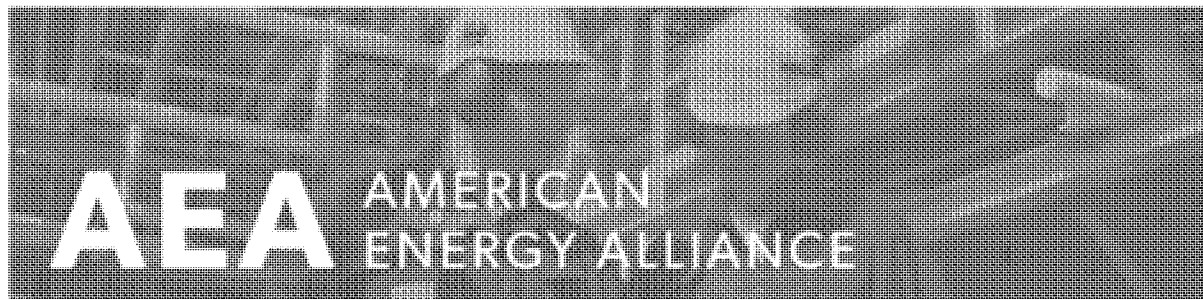
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Sent: 7/5/2018 9:21:56 PM
To: Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]
Subject: AEA Statement on Scott Pruitt's Resignation



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AEA Statement on Scott Pruitt's Resignation

WASHINGTON – This afternoon Thomas J. Pyle, President of the American Energy Alliance, made the following statement in regards to Scott Pruitt's resignation as Administrator of the EPA.

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"We look forward to continuing to work with Acting Administrator Wheeler to fulfill the promise of this Administration, and we are confident that his knowledge, experience, and judgment will help the Trump Administration achieve its objectives with respect to environmental and energy issues."

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For media inquiries, please contact Erin Amsberry
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on behalf of Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2018 9:50:27 PM
To: ORD-Exec-Council-Directors [Execcouncildirectors@epa.gov]; ORD-Mgmt-Council [ORDMgmtCouncil@epa.gov]
CC: ORD-IOAA-Front Office Support [ORDIOAASUPPORT@epa.gov]
Subject: Next steps

Dear all,

Richard and I just participated in a call with the Deputy Administrator about the Administrator's resignation. The Administrator's last day is tomorrow and the Deputy Administrator will assume the acting role beginning tomorrow night. The Deputy's goal is to have a smooth transition and is relying on all of us to continue the Agency's mission of protecting public health and the environment. He will be sending a short message soon.

Thanks as always for your leadership and commitment to this Agency's important work.

Jennifer